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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN COURT FILE NO.: 03-CV- 0510 C

Penny Lee Anderson and Russell D. Anderson, Sr.,

Plaintiffs,

-VS-

SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN
H. GOOLSBY IN OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANT TRANS UNION'S
SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Trans Union, L.L.C.; Experian Information Solutions Inc.; CSC Credit Services, Inc.; Equifax, Inc. d/b/a Equifax Information Services LLC,

Defendants.

John H. Goolsby, Esq., being duly sworn and upon oath, deposes and says as follows:

- That I am one of the attorneys representing Plaintiff in the above-entitled matter. I
 submit this affidavit in connection with Plaintiff's Supplemental Proposed Findings of
 Fact and Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendant Trans Union's Supplemental
 Motion for Summary Judgment.
- 2. That attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the March 22, 2002 deposition of William Stockdale, with exhibits.
- That attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of transcript (excerpts) of Nov. 17, 2004 trial testimony of William Stockdale in <u>McKeown v. Trans Union, LLC</u>, Civ. Case 03-C-0528-C (W.D. Wisc.).
- 4. That attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the March 23, 2005 deposition of Trans Union Rule 30(b)(6) representative Lynn Romanowski taken in Schmitt v. Chase Manhattan Bank, et al., File No. 03-3295 (D. Minn.).

- 5. That attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's December 7, 2004 Subpoena and 3rd Amended Notice of Taking Deposition of Cross Country Bank's/Applied Card Systems FRCP 30(b)(6) Representative(s), Duces Tecum.,
- 6. That the deposition noticed in Exhibit D could not take place because of the Court's order staying discovery.
- 7. That attached hereto as Exhibit E are true and correct copies of Claimants' Notice of Taking Deposition of Cross Country Bank's/Applied Card Systems Representative(s) Duces Tecum in <u>Anderson v. Cross Country Bank, Inc.</u>, National Arbitration Forum File No. FA0406000286852, with cover letter.
- 8. That Plaintiff's sent Exhibit E to counsel for Defendant Trans Union on January 6, 2005.
- 9. That attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of the February 17, 2005 deposition of CCB/ACS's representative Christine Cintron in <u>Anderson v. Cross Country</u>
 Bank, Inc., National Arbitration Forum File No. FA0406000286852.
- 10. That attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of the February 17, 2005 deposition of CCB/ACS's representative Michael Giuliani in <u>Anderson v. Cross Country</u> Bank, Inc., National Arbitration Forum File No. FA0406000286852.
- 11. That attached hereto as Exhibit H is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' March 21, 2005

 Subpoena and Notice of Taking Deposition of Applied Card Systems' FRCP 30(b)(6)

 Representative(s), Duces Tecum, with Affidavit of Service.
- 12. That CCB/ACS would not make a witness available before the week of April 4, 2005.
- 13. That Plaintiffs believe that the evidence presently in the record is more than sufficient to defeat Defendant's Supplemental Motion for Summary Judgment; that Plaintiffs, despite their persistent attempts, have been unable to take the deposition in this federal court case

of the additional Rule 30(b)(6) representative of Cross Country Bank (CCB) (to answer

questions CCB's initial Rule 30(b)(6) representative Edward McKenna could not); that if

the present record would somehow not be sufficient for Plaintiff to survive Defendant's

Supplemental Motion for Summary Judgment, then Plaintiff seeks a continuance of

Defendants' motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(f), for the specific and limited purpose

of taking such deposition of CCB/ACS during or near the week of April 4, 2005.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

s/John H. Goolsby
John H. Goolsby

Subscribed and sworn before me this 31st day of March, 2005.

s/Sue Wolsfeld
Notary Public

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      RUSSELL D. ANDERSON,
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               -vs-
      TRANS UNION, LLC;
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      EXPERIAN INFORMATION
      SOLUTIONS, INC.; CSC
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      CREDIT SERVICES, INC.
      And EQUIFAX, INC., d/b/a
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      EQUIFAX INFORMATION
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                   Defendants.
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               The deposition of WILLIAM STOCKDALE,
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     pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure of
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     the United States District Courts pertaining to the
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     State of Illinois, Chicago Hilton O'Hare Hotel,
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     Chicago, Illinois, on the 22nd day of March, 2005, at
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William Stockdale

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PRESENT:
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                                                                           WILLIAM STOCKDALE,
        BY: MR. JOHN GOOLSBY
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                                                                 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
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        KATZ & KORIN, P.C.
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        BY: MR. GUERÍNO JOHN CENTO
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Q. Did you look at that paperwork before you completed your affidavit?

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Q. And did you do a site inspection of Applied Card Systems, I don't mean you personally, Trans

A. Yes, they would be -- they would go through 10 the same process, ves.

Q. So are CCB and ACS both subscribers to Trans 12 Union?

13 A. I know both of those -- I know that they are affiliated with each other. I don't know of the 14 15 details behind the affiliation.

Q. And you don't know where the site was that you inspected for ACS either?

A. I know the requirement to furnish data is 18 19 that they have to go through a due diligence process. 20 So I don't know -- right now I don't know where those 21 processes were held.

Q. Part of that due diligence process is an 22 23 inspection of the site of the company that's hoping

to become a subscriber of Trans Union; is that 24

25 correct? Q. So what happens in the site inspections?

A. I don't know the detail that goes behind the inspections. I know that the process has to be handled by Trans Union. That our compliance department handles the process. And it's my accountability to make sure that we got the appropriate paperwork that the process has been performed that illustrates that it is a reliable process, as well as all of the information that is sent to my group that verifies the data that is sent from that subscriber.

Q. Did you bring any documentation with you today?

14 A. No.

> Q. Has any furnisher or potential furnisher ever been deemed unreliable on the basis of a site inspection?

A. I don't know.

19 Q. In paragraph four of your affidavit you testified that Trans Union collects information from 20 more than 85,000 furnishers. What are you basing 21 22 that on?

23 A. The number of subscribers that report data 24 to Trans Union.

Q. And is that as of the date of your

A. Part of the procedure is that there has to 1 2 be a site visit, yes.

3 Q. And what does Trans Union look for on those 4 site visits?

5 A. Again that is --

MR. CENTO: Objection, lack of foundation. You 6 7

THE WITNESS: Again, that is outside of my area of responsibility.

I know it's a compliance policy that we

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12 My portion of the responsibility is to make sure that I receive the appropriate paperwork 13 14 that that process has been done.

I don't know of all of the procedures 16 that are done within the process.

17 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

18 Q. So you testified in your affidavit that it

was your experience that CCB is a reliable source.

You made that testimony without knowing what happens

21 in the site inspections; is that correct?

22 MR. CENTO: Objection, mischaracterizes the 23 witness' testimony.

24 THE WITNESS: No, not correct.

BY MR. GOOLSBY:

affidavit? 1

A. Yes.

3 Q. And has it been approximately 85,000 since 1999? 4

A. Yes.

Q. Trans Union has contracts with its subscribers; is that correct?

A. Yes.

9 Q. And does an entity have to be a subscriber to be a furnisher of information to Trans Union? 10

A. No.

Q. So an entity might furnish information 12 without having a subscriber contract; is that 13 14 correct?

A. Yes.

Q. But it's your testimony that both CCB and 16 17 ACS are subscribers; is that correct?

19 Q. I asked you if you did a site inspection. 20 Do you also inspect subscriber's or would-be

21 subscriber's policies and procedures manuals before

22 you allow them to be subscribers? 23

MR. CENTO: Objection, lack of foundation.

24 THE WITNESS: We would either distribute a manual to a subscriber or make sure that they have 25

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access to a manual, which could have been provided 1 from a competitor or through an on-line service 2 3 through the CDIA. BY MR. GOOLSBY:

Q. Okay. And the CDIA is?

A. It is the association for credit reporting agency.

8 Q. What does CDIA stand for?

A. I believe it's consumer data -- I'm really not sure. They just changed it a couple of years ago. It was ACB, Associated Credit Bureaus, but I don't know what the new acronym stands for unless I saw the book.

Q. Does it stand for Credit Data Industry Association?

A. Yes, that's it. Thank you.

17 Q. So getting back to my question, I believe you testified that you or one of your -- by you I mean Trans Union, Trans Union or one of your 19

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competitors or the CDIA provides would-be subscribers 21 with procedural manuals. Did I understand that

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A. For subscribers that provide financial data 23 24 to Trans Union, they would have to have a manual to

25 create a format to send to Trans Union.

MR. CENTO: Objection, vague with respect to 1 what kind of manuals we're talking about. 3 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

Q. Is it correct that some sort of instruction manual is provided?

A. There is a --

MR. CENTO: Same objection.

THE WITNESS: There is a credit reporting guide. It is known as the Metro II is the manual that I was referring to.

BY MR. GOOLSBY: 11 12

Q. Okay. And that's provided by Trans Union, one of its competitors or the CDIA to information furnishers; is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. Actually my original question was actually about a different kind of manual. And what I am asking about is a furnisher's internal policies and procedures manuals.

My question is specifically does Trans Union ever inspect an information -- furnisher's internal policy and procedures manuals?

A. Again, that is outside of my area of responsibility. I don't know the answer to that question.

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The only way to receive a format is either by requesting it through us, one of our competitors, or through the CDIA on-line request mechanism.

Q. I am not sure that exactly answered my question. I just want to make sure I understand correctly, that when somebody wants to become a subscriber, a manual is provided to them by you, one of your competitors or the CDIA; is that correct?

10 MR. CENTO: I am going to enter an objection. 11 I think we're confusing the meaning of two terms, subscriber and furnisher and using them 13 interchangeably when I don't think they mean the same

14 thing. 15

THE WITNESS: When you referred to manual, I thought you were referring to the manual that is sent to subscribers to provide data.

If you could rephrase your question about what type of manual. 20 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

21 Q. Well, I guess that gets back to my original 22 question.

23 I understand that there is a -- some 24 sort of manual that you, your competitors or the CDIA provides to information furnishers.

O. But you testified that in paragraph six of your affidavit that CCB is a reliable source without knowing the answer to that question; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. So if a furnisher is incorrectly instructing its employees in its own internal procedures manuals, you don't have any information about how Trans Union would become aware of that?

MR. CENTO: Objection, incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation, lack of foundation. Answer if you can.

THE WITNESS: I audit the information that I 12 13 receive from the customer. So when we receive data for the first time with a customer, the first thing

we do is process their input, and we look at the 15

output, and then we respond back to the customer to 16 17 make sure that we're processing the data correctly.

So if there was a procedural mistake internally, then 18

it should be detected there by the data furnisher. 20

BY MR. GOOLSBY: 21

Q. And by customer you mean a subscriber?

22 A. Yes. subscriber. 23

O. Now is a furnisher also a customer?

A. Most of the time a furnisher is the 24

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Q. How would a subscriber not be a furnisher?

A. There are subscribers that do not furnish 5 information.

O. So subscribers are entities that obtain information from Trans Union; is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And a furnisher is an entity that supplies information to Trans Union for Trans Union to share with all of its subscribers?

A. A furnisher provides data to place on to consumer credit reports.

Q. So there is a lot of overlap between furnishers and subscribers?

A. Yes.

17 O. But there are some entities that are subscribers and not furnishers, right? 18

A. Correct.

Q. And some entities that may be furnishers and 20 21 not be subscribers?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. But CCB and ACS are both furnishers and 24 subscribers?

A. Yes. I would like to double check. I'm

1 manuals. How about inspections of furnishers' internal computer programs that they use, does Trans 2 Union ever inspect a furnisher's internal computer 3 4 programs? 5

A. No.

Q. Does Trans Union ever check to see if the information a furnisher is reporting can be independently verified?

MR. CENTO: Object to the form.

THE WITNESS: I don't understand the question. 10 11 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

Q. Well, maybe I can illustrate my question to you with an example.

For example, some furnishers will report a trade line as included in bankruptcy, right?

A. Yes.

17 Q. And a bankruptcy is something that would be reflected in public records, right? 18 19

A. Yes.

20 Q. So my question is, does Trans Union ever 21 check to see if when a furnisher is reporting a trade

line as included in bankruptcy, if, in fact, there is 22

an associated bankruptcy in the public records? 23 24

A. No. 25

Q. And you are aware in this case that the

sorry. CCB is definitely a subscriber.

Applied I know there is a relationship. I don't know if there's -- I don't know about the agreement if there is an agreement. If they are providing me data, then, yes, they would be a subscriber.

BY MR. GOOLSBY: 7

Q. When you say Applied, Applied Card Systems?

A. Thank you. Sorry.

10 Q. In your affidavit you didn't testify that

Applied Card Systems was a reliable source, did you? 11 12

A. No.

13 Q. Are they?

14 A. I believe so, but I would like to double

15 check that.

16 Q. So you didn't know when you signed your 17 affidavit whether Applied Card Systems was a reliable source or not, right? 18

A. Yes, I did not research Applied. Like I 19 20 said earlier, we have 85,000 customers.

21 Q. By customer you mean subscriber; is that 22 right?

23 A. Yes, I refer to them as customers.

24 Q. We talked about site inspections. We talked about inspections of furnishers, internal policy

plaintiffs' claim is that they were falsely reported 2 as deceased on their Trans Union credit report, 3 right?

A. Yes.

Q. Let me ask you the same question for deceased as I did for bankruptcy.

7 If a furnisher is reporting a consumer as deceased, does Trans Union ever independently 9 verify whether that deceased notation is accurate? 10

A. That's not the same question.

Q. Okay. Well then it's a new question.

A. Trans Union audits at an aggregate level the 13 data coming in from a customer. So we would give -we would show the customer/subscriber, we would show 14

them here is a trade line that you are giving me as a 15

deceased, just like we would show them several

17 examples of every different type of condition that 18 they provided data to us from. And they would then

sign off on it being accurate or not accurate when

they first become a subscriber for Trans Union. 21 We do that type of work to make sure that the data that they are providing is accurate and 22 that they have given us -- they have confirmed that 23 it is, because they have the relationship with the 24

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processing the data accurately. So they confirm that. They're going forward. We then trend out the 2 3 information --

Q. Okay. If you weren't finished, go ahead.

A. And if from there going forward as the data is in production, if it exceeds any limits, again at the aggregate level, not at a granular level, not one specific consumer level, because it would be systemically impossible to be able to verify every single trade line. We receive over 2 billion trade lines a month at times. So it would be humanly impossible to verify every single trade line. But that's how we would do the audit check and the verification check that a subscriber/customer's

Q. I want to ask you about a couple of terms you used there. You talked about doing an audit

check in the aggregate; is that correct? 18 19

reporting data accurately.

A. Correct.

Q. And by that do I understand correctly that 20 21 you do a sampling of a customer's reporting?

A. Sampling of every type of condition, yes.

Q. But you don't look at every single account 23 24 that a customer has reported in a given way, you do a

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reporting as deceased, would it be a fair approximation to divide 5 million trade lines by 85,000 furnishers?

A. It would require more research than that, because not all providers may provide deceased information.

Q. Can you tell me of those furnishers that provide deceased information, approximately what on average is the number of trade lines that are 10 reported as deceased?

A. No, I'd have to research that.

Q. Can you give me any approximation?

A. How much per subscriber -- how many report deceased information?

Q. Yes.

A. I don't know that off the top of my head.

17 Q. Is it more than -- likely to be more than 18 10,000?

MR. CENTO: Objection, asked and answered. 19

20 Lack of foundation.

21 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

22 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

Q. But it is your testimony that you sample a 23 minimum of five? 24

A. For every condition for an audit we try to

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A. Humanly impossible. You are referring to millions and millions of accounts.

Q. So, you pull a -- strike that.

Let me ask you this. When you do a sample, how large is the sample?

A. It depends on the condition that we're looking for and the presence of the condition. But we usually try to locate a minimum of five examples per condition.

Q. And deceased would be a condition?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So if an entity is reporting some trade

13 lines as deceased, Trans Union will look at a minimum of five of those; is that correct?

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16 Q. Paragraph 18 of your affidavit you testify.

17 "At the present time Trans Union maintains more than

5 million trade lines which are reporting a deceased code." Did I read that correctly? 19

A. Yes.

21 Q. And is that true?

22 A. Yes,

23 Q. I am not going to ask you to do the math

24 here, but if we wanted to figure out the average

number of trade lines that a given furnisher is

find a minimum of five -- five -- five examples of

that condition, whether it's deceased, whether it's 3 -- we're talking profit and loss, purchase by another

lender. There's a variety of information that's sent 4

5 into that field, so we try to find a minimum of five 6 examples of each condition.

O. Okay. What's the maximum?

A. 1500.

9 Q. How do you decide whether to do five or 1500 10 or somewhere in between?

A. Just working with subscribers that a 11 reasonable statistic to be able to prove that the 12 13 program's working correctly and they are providing

14 the information accurately. 15

Q. So what criteria do you use for a given subscriber to determine if you're going to sample five or 1500?

A. I'm sorry. There's already programs in 19 place, auditing programs, so we receive their information and then that program runs against the 20 data and starts searching for it. 21

Q. So a computer program decides if it is going 22 to be a sample of five or a sample of 1500 or 23

24 somewhere in between?

25 A. It will go up to 1500. We look for a

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minimum of five. If we don't find a minimum of five, then we actually do some additional manual checks for -- to see if, in fact, we just missed it within the 3 program. So it will go up -- up to 1500 examples of 5 that condition. Q. I guess I am still not clear. You say a 6

minimum of five and maximum of 1500. And I am trying to figure out how many --

A. Can we take a break? MR. GOOLSBY: Sure.

(Recess.)

12 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

Q. Back on the record.

Mr. Stockdale, we were talking about 14 the samples that Trans Union looks at when it does an 15 audit check. Do I have that term correct?

A. Yes.

18 Q. And I was trying to determine for a given furnisher how many samples Trans Union looks at, and 19 you said it's a minimum of five?

21 A. It can be a maximum of 1500.

22 O. And a maximum of 1500. Do I understand 23 correctly that if a given furnisher is reporting

fewer than 1500, that Trans Union will look at all of

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A. Correct. We use it to -- where it raises a flag to say we need to take a look at this condition because we don't see it on our audit.

Q. Okay. I don't mean to beat a dead horse here, but I do want to understand how your statistical sampling is in any given case.

8 So then if a furnisher is reporting 9 anywhere from five to 1500 trade lines with a 10 deceased notation, Trans Union will look at all of 11 them; is that correct?

12 A. It would show us, yes.

13 Q. If a furnisher is reporting any more than 14 1500 trade lines, Trans Union will look at the first 15 1500 that the system finds; is that correct?

A. Correct. Perfect condition.

Q. Perfect condition. And is that a random 17 18 sampling?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And that process we've just described happens when Trans Union does an audit check of a 21 22 furnisher; is that right?

A. It happens when that furnisher first 23 provides data to Trans Union, that they actually want 24

to be a data provider to Trans Union. So that

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A. They would find all of them, yes.

Q. And then all of them would be part of the sample that Trans Union assesses?

A. Yes.

Q. And if an entity is reporting more than 1500 trade lines with deceased, Trans Union will look at 1500; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. So when you say a minimum of five, that would happen if a furnisher was only reporting five trade lines as deceased; do I understand that correctly?

A. The program would look for a minimum of five. If it didn't locate a minimum of five, it would raise a flag to us to say I could only find this condition less than five times.

So we would then take the audit to a different route in the procedure of handling that audit to see if, in fact, this is applicable to that subscriber. Because many times the condition itself is not applicable. For instance deceased, some providers may say I don't provide deceased so that's okay.

Q. So if it's zero, one, two, three or four, you don't use the automatic sampling model; is that process happens initially.

Q. Does it ever happen again?

3 A. We do audit customers. Our goal is to audit 4 them on an annual basis. Sometimes it may take longer because it's a partnership and they're very 5 intense, and they take a long time to do and we have 7 to plan them out. It can take up to three months to do an audit of a portfolio.

Q. When was the last time you audited Cross Country Bank?

A. I don't know.

Q. When was the last time you audited ACS?

A. I don't know. 13 14

O. Have you ever done an audit check on CCB since it -- since the time when it first became a subscriber?

A. They've been around a long time, so I don't know when it was, but I would say that yes, we've done an audit since they have been a provider.

20 Q. Do you know that or are you just assuming 21 that?

22 A. I'm assuming that based on how long they've 23 been providing data to Trans Union. 24

Q. Did you review the records of any audit check on CCB before you signed your affidavit? 25

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Q. Did you review the records of any audit check on ACS before you signed your affidavit?

Q. So you don't know how big the sample was for -- strike that.

It is your testimony, if I understand correctly, that you do one of these audit checks for each subscriber when they first sign on; is that right?

A. Yes.

12 Q. Or maybe to be a little bit more precise, the first time they report a given condition; is that 13 14 right?

15 A. Correct.

O. You don't know when the first time Cross 16 17 Country Bank reported deceased on any trade line was, do you? 18

19 A. No.

Q. But you do know they have reported deceased 20 21 on trade lines, obviously this case for example?

A. Yes.

23 Q. Is it your testimony that according to Trans Union's policy, there would have at some point been

at least one audit check done on CCB?

examples for a given furnisher. You take those five examples to the furnisher and let's say for the first 3 example started reporting deceased on January 1st, 2000. Just made that date up. You would look before and after and say, hey, furnisher, we show that you weren't reporting this deceased before January 1st, 2000, and that you were reporting deceased after January 1st, 2000. Is that what you show -- do I understand the before and after correctly?

A. No. Before and after is the before is the record that they sent us, the actual trade line of the consumer.

So if the condition that we were auditing was the remarks code field and in the remarks code field we would have deceased indicators, so if -- so this would give me -- they would give me an indicator of deceased and their input record. I would find five conditions of those input records with an indicator of deceased, and I would show them that I translated it to the Trans Union credit report as deceased within the remarks code field. So the before is the record that they gave me, the after is the way I show the record on a credit report. Q. Okay. So what you're doing is you're making

sure that you're accurately putting out on the credit

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A. Yes.

Q. But you don't know in that audit check how big a sample of deceased notations Trans Union looked

A. I personally did not do that audit, yes, correct.

Q. Now let me get back to exactly what happens in this audit check for a given condition, for example deceased. Do I understand correctly that 10 what Trans Union does is it takes its sample, whether it's five or 1500 or something in between, and then goes to the furnisher and says does this match what you thought you were reporting to us?

A. What we do is provide before and after 15 examples. So that it's at the detail level and then 16 at an aggregate level we actually count the conditions. So we provide to say here are five examples of your customers, consumers that you sent us, for example, deceased indicator, here are five

20 examples of where you sent a deceased indicator.

21 Have we read your information accurately and 22

translated it to a Trans Union trade line correctly? 23

That's what we do with that audit.

24 Q. You talked about before and after. Let me 25 make sure I understand that. So say it's five

reports what they told you to put on there; is that 2 correct?

A. That's correct. As well as the number of how many times we've experienced that condition. So. for instance, I would say that we received 500 deceased in your entire portfolio that you sent me and here are five examples of that condition.

Q. So your audit check is actually checking to see if you're doing what you're supposed to, right?

A. My audit check is making sure we are both doing what we are supposed to.

Q. I guess I don't understand that. Let me see if I can get you to clarify your testimony, because I am confused here.

I understood you to say when you do an audit check you look at how they were reporting something to you, and then you check to see if that matches how you subsequently put it on their file; is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And if the before and after match, then for that sample it passes the check; is that right?

A. They would come back and confirm that, yes, that person is deceased. If that person wasn't

deceased, they would come back and say, well, I gave

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the wrong code for that condition, we need to rectify

Q. Okay. So you take to them what you think they reported to you or what you show that they reported to you, and you take to them what you then thereafter put on their file, on the consumer's file; is that right?

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Q. And then you go to the furnisher and you say here's what we did based on what you sent us, is this what you intended?

A. Is this correct.

Q. And by correct you mean you ask them if that's what their records show?

A. If we were checking for the deceased indicator, we would send those examples back to the data provider, the data furnisher, and we would say here are the five examples that you've given me that showed an indicator of deceased. Is, in fact, this consumer deceased?

That's what the procedure would be. And if it wasn't they would correct it.

Q. Let me ask you this. If a furnisher is wrong about something -- strike that.

Let me first ask a preliminary

THE WITNESS: Trans Union and the furnisher are at that point going through an accuracy audit. So we're working with the data provider to make sure that they were providing the data accurately.

Consistency is a very important part because consistency plays a big role in the area of accuracy.

But we also are utilizing that data to verify the accuracy of it, that someone is actually paid as agreed, because that's what you gave me.

11 Somebody's date of birth is the actual 12 date of birth because that's when the person was born. Somebody is deceased because they received a 13 death certificate that showed that the person was 14 15 deceased.

16 That's what the intention of on -- and 17 that's what the process is when we are performing an 18 audit.

19 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

20 Q. But you rely on the furnisher to tell you 21 whether the person really is deceased, right?

A. Yes,

Q. So if the furnisher was wrong from day one 23 and continued to be wrong about the person's deceased 24

status but consistently told you yes that person is

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question. Is it your experience that sometimes furnishers have incorrect information?

A. They strive for perfection but they are not perfect.

Q. So sometimes furnishers have incorrect information, right?

A. Yes.

Q. So if a furnisher reports to you that this consumer is deceased, and then you apply that to that consumer's file at Trans Union, and then you go back to the furnisher when you do your audit check and you say we show that this consumer was reported by you as deceased and we put in our file as deceased, and then the furnisher says, yes, our records show that person is deceased, that would pass the audit check, right?

A. Yes.

17 Q. And that would pass the audit check even if that person really wasn't deceased, right? 18

A. Yes.

20 Q. So, in other words, what you're checking of 21 the furnisher is whether they are consistent, right? 22

A. Wrong,

23 Q. Explain your answer, please.

MR. CENTO: Objection. Vague. Answer if you 24 25

deceased, your audit check wouldn't catch that, would 2 it? 3

A. Just one specific consumer?

Q. Well, one of the consumers that's in your sampling of five to 1500, however many it is.

A. Yes.

Q. Yes, what I said was correct? Just so the record is clear.

A. Yes. If one consumer came in and it came in as deceased, and we were provided that information back to the provider and said that you said this consumer is deceased, we would -- we would output 12 deceased into the remarks code field.

Q. I am not sure that answered my question. I don't want to belabor the point, but I want to make

sure the record is clear as to your answer.

If the furnisher incorrectly says someone is deceased when they first report it to you and then you do your audit check and they still say yes this person is deceased, your audit check is never going to discover that that's in error, right?

A. Yes, correct.

Q. Now in one of your previous answers you talked -- you used the term trend out, I think you said trend out data. What does that mean?

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A. After we perform the audit and that Trans Union -- Trans Union has approved working with the customer that the information is reliable, from that point going forward we now will trend the information that they send us and we monitor -- we monitor the conditions that I spoke of earlier. We monitor those conditions and every single month that we receive data from that provider we set thresholds.

So for an example, if a customer would normally send me a hundred consumers as charged off and the final month we receive 200 consumers, we would raise a flag with that submission, with that data that was provided and make sure that there wasn't any program or system error at their end, because it would hit a threshold. So that's why we trend the data.

Q. So I think you testified about this in previous cases. I was not familiar with the term trend out, but that's what you mean by that, is if there is a sudden jump in the number of trade lines that a furnisher is reporting as deceased, for

22 example, that will raise a flag with Trans Union; is

23 that what you mean by trending out data? 24

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Q. I want to go back to one of my previous

placed the information on the consumer's credit report, we're just translating the information from a -- from a data provider to a Trans Union -- to a Trans Union record. We're not doing any comparisons of that record to any other trade line within the 6 file itself. 7

Q. Okay. And I think maybe you've -- I've confused you in the way your attorney anticipated.

I am not asking if you are comparing to other information in that consumer's file. I am asking if when you do an audit check on a given condition, for example bankruptcy, if those -- that sample of five to 1500 that you are looking at that a given furnisher has reported as bankruptcy, if you compare that to the actual public records that would independently verify whether, in fact, there is a bankruptcy?

A. I think I understood your question correctly. I think I answered it correctly. The public record would be on the credit report itself. I don't compare anything that I am receiving from the data provider to any trade lines, including public

23 records. I don't compare any other trade lines with

24 the trade line that I am receiving from the new

customer, from the new subscriber.

questions that you may have answered, but I don't recall exactly what your answer was.

We talked about you don't independently verify including bankruptcies against the public records I believe you said; is that correct? A. I believe the question -- if I can repeat

your question to make sure I understand it. I believe your question was if a trade line comes in with an indicator of bankruptcy, would we look to see if there was a public record on the file of bankruptcy before we placed that trade line with the indicator bankruptcy on it.

Q. Well, let me refine my question a little bit 14 then. I don't mean on the granular level, I mean on 15 the aggregate level when you're doing an audit check, does that become part of your audit check process comparing a sampling of trade lines reporting as bankruptcy to the public records?

19 MR. CENTO: Objection, vague with respect to 20 public -- the public reports section of the report or 21 the public record itself?

22 MR. GOOLSBY: That's a fair clarification. 23

BY MR. GOOLSBY:

24 Q. You mean the public record itself? 25

A. When we're auditing the data, we haven't

Q. Even when you are doing an audit check, just so I make sure --

A. Even when it is a first-time provider, yes.

4 Q. So then the following question is with 5 respect to deceased. When you do an audit check, do you compare those five to 1500 samples that you are 7 looking at that have a trade line with deceased remark, do you compare that to anything to see if any

8 9 other source verifies that deceased?

10 MR. CENTO: Objection, vague and ambiguous with 11 respect to the term you. Does who, Trans Union or

13 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

the furnisher?

Q. When I say you, I mean Trans Union. 14 15

A. The answer is the same as it was before. 16 When we receive the data, we're verifying the

reliability of the information with the data provider 17

and Trans Union's accuracy and processing with that 18 19

record, we're not comparing that record to other 20 records within the credit report.

21 Q. So you're comparing it with information provided from the same entity that you're monitoring 22

23 to see if they're reliable?

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25 Q. Do you keep a tally by a furnisher of how

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many disputes Trans Union receives from consumers? 2

A. We do. That is outside my area. That's handled by consumer relations group.

Q. When you signed your affidavit, you didn't know how many consumers had made disputes with Cross Country Bank over any given period of time; is that right?

A. Right. I would only know that if it was an excessive amount, then consumer relations may call me to have me check the data being sent by CCB.

Q. They may call you or they will?

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Q. What's an excessive amount?

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15 monitor the score card. I don't know the percent

that they would determine this appears to be a data

reporting issue, not a granular consumer issue --17

18 consumer issue at the granular level.

19 Q. You don't know how many disputes from consumers it would take before the number of disputes 20

was brought to your attention; is that correct? 21

A. Correct.

23 Q. Do you keep a tally of how many times a

24 furnisher says we reported wrong information to you? 25

A. No. You're asking do I receive information

MR. GOOLSBY: I want to mark this as Exhibit No. 2.

> (WHEREUPON, said document was marked as Stockdale Deposition

Exhibit No. 2 for Identification.)

7 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

Q. Mr. Stockdale, have you seen this document before?

10 A. I don't think I did. I may have. I don't 11 think I did.

12 Q. I won't make you take the time to read it, 13 but I will represent to you there are no specific 14 topics listed on this deposition notice. And I am

15 asking you if you have personal knowledge of when a

16 furnisher responds to an ACDV if they're supposed to 17 check data shown if they want changes to be made?

18 MR. CENTO: Same objection, same instruction, 19 don't answer.

MR. GOOLSBY: I ---

MR. CENTO: Do you want to go off the record 21

22 and talk about it or put it on the record if you

23 want.

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24 MR. GOOLSBY: Why don't you put it on the

25 record.

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from furnisher where they send me a report of how often they report inaccurate data to me?

Q. Well, I would say that that would be one way that a furnisher could report inaccurate -- that it was providing inaccurate information to you. That's

6 part of my question, yes.

A. If Trans Union knowingly is aware that a data provider is reporting data inaccurately, we would immediately take action on that data, meaning that we would remove it from the file until it was --

11 became accurate.

Q. Were you finished?

A. Go ahead. 13

Q. You know what an ACDV is?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. When a furnisher responds to an ACDV and 17 they want to make a change to the trade line, they're

supposed to indicate change data as shown? 18

19 MR. CENTO: Objection. This is beyond the 20 scope of what you're allowed to ask him about in this 21 deposition. I will instruct him not to answer.

22 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

23 Q. Well, Mr. Stockdale, do you know the answer 24 to that question?

25 MR. CENTO: Same objection, same instruction. 1 MR. CENTO: Okay. Your motion, the motion that 2 was granted that you filed that allows you to take

3 this deposition, asked for permission to take

4 Mr. Stockdale's deposition for the purpose of

5 cross-examining him on this affidavit.

Anything outside the scope of that is beyond the scope of the order is our position. BY MR. GOOLSBY:

9 Q. Let me ask you a preliminary question, 10 Mr. Stockdale.

11 In paragraph six of your affidavit when 12 you testified that CCB is a reliable source, did you

13 mean that they are reliable in the first instance only when they report information to you, or did you 14

also mean that they are reliable when they respond to 15 16 disputes that you send to them?

17 A. When I use the term reliable, I'm using the

term that they -- that they report data accurately to 18 Trans Union based on all the experiences and based on 19

the procedures and the quality control checks that I 20 21 have in place in my business unit. I have no reason

22 to believe that they're unreliable. I've never seen

23 any instance of it anywhere.

24 Q. When you say all the information that's

available to you, does that include how CCB responds

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to disputes that you send to them?

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- Q. And how -- what format does CCB use to 3 4 respond to disputes that you send them?
- 5 A. Again, this is outside of my area of responsibility, but I would believe they would use 7 the E-Oscar system.
 - O. Does that include ACDVs?
- 9 A. ACDVs are reported in the E-Oscar system.
- 10 Q. When you made your testimony in paragraph six, were you testifying about areas outside the 11
- 12 scope of your responsibility at Trans Union?
- A. No, I was referring to the reporting of data 13 by CCB to Trans Union, the reporting of account 14
- 15 receivable information that they send us. Q. And did they send you account receivable 16
- information in ACDVs? 17
- A. I would use that in the term of consumer 18
- 19 information, not AR data, though it's the same
- 20 information.
- 21 Q. Do you know it to be the same information?
- 22 MR. CENTO: Objection, vague.
- THE WITNESS: I know that both mechanisms are 23
- talking about the trade line. That they provide --
- that they provide to us. 25

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A. I don't know. I personally don't have responsibility -- I oversee that area but that's handled by one of my analysts, so I am not sure if

4 they ever exceeded a threshold. 5

Q. What's the consequence if a furnisher is deemed unreliable?

A. We would suppress their information, remove it from the credit report until the information was

Q. When you say their information, are you talking on the granular level or the aggregate?

A. Either or. If we knew that it was at the --12 if we knew that it was at the granular, we could mask 13 that as well. But in my area, 99.9 percent of the 14 time it's at the entire portfolio level, the 15

16 aggregate level.

Q. How often does that happen?

A. I don't have a number of how often that it 18 19 happens. It doesn't happen very often.

Financial providers do a great job 20 because it is financial and the type of information 21

that we are dealing with, reliable information that 22 23 we receive, so it does happen but not very often.

24 O. Now subscribers pay for Trans Union services; is that right?

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BY MR. GOOLSBY:

- 2 Q. So does your paragraph six of your affidavit 3 apply to ACDVs when you said CCB is a reliable 4 source?
- 5 A. No, it -- no.

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- Q. You don't know whether CCB reliably responds 6 7 to ACDVs?
- 8 A. That is outside of my area of
- 9 responsibility.
- 10 Q. So you don't know whether CCB reliably responds to ACDVs? 11
- A. Correct. 12
- 13 Q. How long has -- I may have asked you this.
- 14 How long has CCB been a Trans Union subscriber?
 - A. I don't know.
- 16 Q. And you don't know how many disputes Trans
- Union received from consumers on CCB accounts for any
- given year; is that right?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. Now you say you monitor trends. Has there
- ever been an instance where there was a sudden jump
- 22 or -- strike that.
- 23 Has there ever been an instance where
- there was an issue with a trend in CCB's report that
- would raise a flag for Trans Union?

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O. If a furnisher who is also a subscriber is one of those rare instances where they're found to be unreliable and you suppress the information they are furnishing, can they still be a subscriber?

A. Potentially.

7 O. Let me make sure I understand correctly. When a furnisher is found to have a problem at the

9 portfolio level, I believe you called it, and you

10 will suppress all the information that furnisher is providing until you can be assured that the problems 11

have been resolved; is that correct?

A. Yes.

14 O. What does the error rate have to be before 15 Trans Union will determine that there is a problem at the portfolio level? 16

A. Our thresholds are set. It depends on the 17 18 condition three to five percent before that would -before that would raise a flag that we would call the 19 20 customer for verification, the subscriber for

21 verification of why we exceeded that threshold.

22 At that time after talking with the

23 provider we would determine if this is something that 24 the provider can fix and we can rectify immediately

25 or if this is something that we need to suppress.

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Q. When you say three to five percent, do you mean if there is an error rate of more than three to five percent you'll deem that there is a problem with the entire portfolio?

A. No, it's not an error rate, it's just an -it's the condition itself.

So if normally a customer sends me 15 percent of their portfolio, 15 percent of their portfolio is charged off, charged off the profit and loss, and the next month they come in three percent higher than the previous month, we would call the customer to find out is this accurate, isn't it accurate? Did three percent of your customers or consumers actually go to a charge-off status. They confirm that, then we would leave it alone. If they said no, we had a systemic problem, some type of glitch, then we would say we are going to suppress your portfolio information, you can rectify the problem and then we will reaudit you to turn you back

- 21 Q. So again that's going back to what you referred to as the trend analysis? 22
- A. Correct. 23

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Q. But a trend analysis wouldn't catch if they 24 were reporting the same trade lines wrong all along, 25

and work through what the anomaly is and rectify it. 2 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

- Q. Does that ever happen?
- A. Yes.

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- 5 O. After you have worked with the furnisher in that manner, do you then subsequently check to make 6 sure that the furnisher got the message? 7
- A. First of all, we would know they got the 8 message because the data is coming in accurately. 9 Again this is a hypothetical. I don't know of the 10 11 condition.

If we had an example -- you can give me an example of what the situation is, it would be easier for me to answer.

But yes we would -- there would be 15 confirmation that the problem was resolved. 16 17

Q. You said it does happen sometimes that you -- I think the word you used partner with the furnisher to make sure they are understanding the 20 manual that is provided to them.

Have you ever had to have one of those 21 -- one of those partnering with CCB or ACS? 22

A. I only recall one time with CCB that I 23 personally was involved. I'm -- I have analysts that 24

work with their approval, that they may have been 25

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right?

A. Correct. If the original audit came in and it was inaccurate right from the start, then it would not be caught until a consumer, somebody disputed it and consumer relations called and said that there was a problem.

Q. If the trend analysis or for that matter anything else calls in to question a furnisher's reliability, does Trans Union coach the furnisher to make sure they're sending the information correctly?

A. We don't need to coach the consumer. They have no reason not to report information inaccurately. They want to report accurately. We work with them to make sure that they are, in fact, reporting accurately. I wouldn't call it coaching, I would call it partnering with the data furnishers.

Q. Well, for example, if a data furnisher has misunderstood something in the manual that Trans Union or one of its competitors or CDIA provides to the furnishers, will Trans Union explain to that

furnisher what the manual means? 21

22 MR. CENTO: Objection, incomplete hypothetical, 23 calls for speculation. Go ahead.

THE WITNESS: Yes. If there are anomalies 24 detected, we would definitely talk to the subscriber

1 involved in the situation. I have personally been 2 involved in one.

Q. That was related to this case?

A. No.

Q. What was that related to?

A. Reporting of data and not following -- not following -- inquiring about not following the guideline, not following the industry standard guideline. They wanted to do an exception to the 9 10 guideline.

Q. Can you be more specific what exception they 11 12 were asking for?

13 A. They wanted to -- they wanted to cleanse charge-off information from some of their consumers. 14 So they wanted to remove the history from some 15 consumers although it was accurate. 16

Q. Why did they want to do that?

A. Because they would work out a deal with the 18 consumer that if you start paying as agreed, I will 19 remove all of your history that showed that you 20 weren't paying as agreed. 21

Q. Do I understand correctly that CCB wanted 22 23 Trans Union to report those trade lines in a way that 24 wasn't accurate?

A. I don't believe they felt that it was an

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accurate issue. It was more of a standard of 1

- following the guideline, that they were inquiring 2
- could we report information that way and we said they

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- You cannot change consumers from a charge-off status to a paid-as-agreed status.
- 7 Q. So CCB wanted to do something outside the guidelines? 8
 - A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And you testified that you're only
- personally aware of that one instance? 11
- 12 A. That I was involved in with CCB.
- Q. You testified that some of your subordinates 13
- 14 may have been involved in other instances with CCB
- that you don't know about? 15
- 16 A. I don't have any personal knowledge of any
- 17 other issues.
- Q. How about with ACS? 18
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Do you know what a rejection rate is?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. What's a rejection rate? 22
- A. Would be the number of records that are 23
- rejected and was not placed on a credit report. 24
- 25 That's how I would view rejection rate.

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- MR. CENTO: Objection as to vague. 2
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 - O. How does Trans Union know that a trade line
 - it rejects is -- strike that.
 - How does Trans Union know that a trade line that it rejected should, in fact, be rejected,
- whether the rejection is for inaccuracy? 8
- 9 A. We have criteria that identifies inaccuracy 10 when we can detect it.
- 11 Q. Is there any way to detect an inaccurate
- 12 deceased remark?
 - A. No.
- 14 Q. So is there ever a rejection for inaccuracy
- 15 on a trade line because it's reporting a deceased?
- A. A trade line with an indicator of deceased 16
- 17 could be rejected but it would never be rejected
- 18 based on an indicator of deceased.
- 19 Q. It could be rejected for other reasons? 20
 - A. Correct.
- O. Because commercial trade line instead of a 21
- 22 consumer trade line?
- 23 A. Correct. Because it's a derogatory trade
- 24 line, you didn't give me first date of delinquency.
 - Q. What's a score card?

- Q. When you say a number of records, do you use 2 the term records to refer to an entire trade line?
 - A. Yes, records as trade lines.
- Q. So a rejection rate is the number of trade
- 5 lines for a given furnisher that aren't placed onto a
- consumer's file? 6
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. As a percentage of the entire number of
- trade lines reported by that furnisher? 9
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Why would a trade line be rejected? 11
- 12 A. For a variety of reasons.
- 13 Q. Can you give me some examples?
- 14 A. It's a commercial record, not a consumer
- 15 record. We only process consumer records. So we would reject those. 16
- 17 Q. Is anything ever rejected on the basis that the information is inaccurate? 18
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. How does that come about? 20
- 21 A. Again, a variety of different ways, reasons.
- 22 Q. How does Trans Union -- let me see if I can
- 23 focus my question a little bit. I thought I might
- draw an objection from your attorney for vagueness on
- that question. Let me see if I can focus it a little

- A. Score card are -- to me are -- in the
- 2 industry are two mechanisms, one is from our consumer
- 3 relation area. Both are outside of my area of
- 4 responsibility.
- 5 O. One is the consumer relation area. What's
- the other kind of score card?
- A. And customers also maintain score cards.
 - Q. So the consumer relation score cards, that's --
- 9 Trans Union's consumer relations, right?
 - A. Correct.
- 11 Q. One kind of score card is generated by Trans
- 12 Union, right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And the other kind of score card is 14
- 15 generated by customers?
 - A. Subscribers, yes.
- 17 Q. And what's on the score card that Trans
- 18 Union generates?
- MR. CENTO: Objection. Beyond the scope of 19
- 20 this deposition. Don't answer. Also lack of
- 21 foundation.
- 22 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- Q. Did you look at any score cards before you 23
- 24 signed your affidavit?
- 25 A. No.

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O. Do I understand correctly that Trans Union relies on the furnisher to tell Trans Union whether a consumer is deceased; is that right?

A. I don't agree with the way that that question was stated to me. Trans Union will place a deceased indicator on a trade line that was received from that specific subscriber, if that answers your question.

Q. Let me ask a follow-up related to that. Do I understand correctly then that what Trans Union puts on the consumer's file is based entirely on what the furnisher provides for deceased remarks?

A. I don't believe that's the only mechanism to put on -- that's the only mechanism that I have responsibility for is to put an indicator on -- you know, an indicator of deceased from a trade line that I receive from a subscriber onto the credit report.

O. I think you may have testified in another case that sometimes Trans Union receives information that a consumer is deceased from sources other than the trade lines that are reported to Trans Union; is that correct?

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Q. I am not talking about those. I'm talking 24 about whether there is a deceased on a trade line,

I work with the provider to make sure that they are reporting data to us accurately. I don't know of any reason why a data provider would want us to -- want to report a deceased indicator on a consumer that wasn't deceased. Just doesn't make any sense to me at all.

We will make sure that we work with reasonable procedures as best as possible to make sure that they are reporting the data accurately.

Q. That's fair and I may not have worded my question very well.

And I understand that if your audit 12 13 checks or for any other reason you find out somehow 14 that information is incorrect, it's your testimony that you won't continue to report it that way. But I 15 guess I want to make sure I understand. Absent some 16 17 sort of indication like that, you consider it your obligation to report as the subscriber sent it to 18 19 you?

20 A. Yes. We want to make sure that we are 21 processing the data accurately. If I start running 22 -- I think I answered your question. Yes.

O. Can you turn, please, to paragraph 21 of 23 24 your affidavit. And I will read it into the record quickly. "Trans Union's experience is that it is not

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Trans Union attempts to accurately transcribe that

into the consumer's file based on what the subscriber

or let me say what the furnisher has provided to

4 Trans Union; is that correct?

> A. It actually keeps it within that trade line itself. So, for instance, Cross Country Bank comes in with an indicator of deceased, we will leave it in the remarks code field under the Cross Country Bank. That Cross Country Bank has an indicator of deceased, and we place that on the file within the trade line.

Q. So you view your job as to accurately transcribe what they are reporting to you, right?

14 Q. You don't view your job as to know whether it's really true that the consumer is deceased, 15 16

17 A. I feel like you're asking me the same 18 question in a different way now a couple of times.

If you want, we can go through the 19 20 audit process again how the data comes in, what 21 happens.

22 I don't view that -- I think that is 23 assuring that the data is reliable from the consumer. I do not call the consumer and ask them if they are 24 deceased, if that's what your question is.

unusual for deceased consumers to have apparently active accounts, either because transactions are not

reconciled until after the consumer has died or 3

because a spouse or personal representative is paying 4

5 off the decedent's debt or incurring new ones on the

same account or for a variety of other reasons including identity fraud." Did I read that 7

correctly?

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A. Yes.

10 Q. If you rely on what the subscriber sends to you and it's your job to accurately transcribe what 11 the subscriber sends, then how do you know whether 12 the explanation is that a spouse is paying on the 13 account or that the explanation is that the deceased 14 15 is incorrect?

A. I don't know. That's why I am relying --16 that's why we're relying -- we're relying on the 17 18 customer at that point with the relationship with the consumer that the information as provided is 19

20 accurate.

21 Q. So what experience are you talking about in

22 this paragraph? 23 A. We looked at our credit reports and we see

that -- I believe the numbers were close to almost a 24 25

hundred percent. I think it was like 99.5 percent

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that after we receive a deceased indicator there'sstill activity going on with that credit report.

- Q. So you speculated the reason for that in paragraph 21?
 - A. I don't know what you mean by speculate.
- Q. Well, how do you know that the reason wasn't
 that all of those trade lines were reporting
 inaccurately?
- 9 A. I am stating why a report would still be 10 accurate.
- Q. But my question is, how do you know that it is accurate and that the explanation for the activity on the other accounts is that spouses or personal representatives are paying and the explanation is not instead that the deceased notation is inaccurate?
- MR. CENTO: Objection, asked and answered. Go ahead.
- THE WITNESS: I don't know that. I am giving you valid reasons of why there would still be active
- 20 accounts on a file even though you received
- 21 indicators of deceased. But if someone's reporting
- 22 someone who is alive as deceased, I wouldn't know
- 23 that.

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- 24 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- 25 Q. In your experience that you talk about in

1 A. Right.

- Q. But you don't know --
 - A. I don't know how that --
- 4 O. In two months?
 - A. Correct.
- 6 Q. How about two years?
 - A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. Have you ever heard of a company called FDR?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. What is FDR?
 - A. They are a processor of account receivable
- 12 information.
- 13 O. Does FDR send information to Trans Union?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Is FDR a subscriber?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. Does Trans Union have a contract with FDR?
- 18 A. That is outside my area. I'm not sure.
- 19 Because they are a subscriber I would say that they
- 20 do. But again, I haven't personally witnessed the
- 21 contract.
- Q. Did Trans Union do a site inspection for
- 23 FDR?

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- 24 A. I'm not sure. I personally have visited
 - that FDR three times in my career. They have been in

- paragraph 21, how long after you first get a deceased report on a trade line do you continue to see
- 3 activity on other accounts?
- A. I don't have the -- I don't have the
 percents. I do know there are accounts -- I have
 personal experience. I know my mother maintained an
 - individual credit card on my dad and he was passed away for ten years. I am sure his credit report was
- 8 away for ten years. I am sure his credit report was9 still being updated and still being processed.
- I don't have specific numbers of how
 long do -- what's the -- at what point does no more
- 12 activity show on a credit report after someone is13 actually deceased. I don't have that number. I just
- 14 know that activity happens after you receive an
- 15 indicator.
- 16 Q. Well, you gave me a number a moment ago
- 17 99.something percent of accounts -- of files that
- 18 have one or more account with an indicator of
- 19 deceased continuing to have activity on other
- 20 accounts. What period of time were you looking at
- 21 for that 99 percent?
- A. The next month.
- 23 Q. So, 99.9 percent of accounts of files that
- 24 have a trade line showing deceased have activity the
 - next month?

- place since 1989. So when that site visit --
 - O. I don't mean to interrupt.
- 3 MR. CENTO: Let him finish his answer.
 - BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- 5 Q. I didn't understand what you said. So I can
- 6 backtrack and fit your answer into the first part of
- 7 it. You said you personally visited FDR in your
- 8 career?
 - A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Please continue.
- 11 A. So they have been reporting data since I
- 12 have been working for Trans Union since 1989.
 - So I am not sure when that site visit
- 14 or when we first originally started to receive data
- 15 from FDR. They are the biggest processor in the
- 16 country.
- 17 Q. And was the purpose of your site visit to
- 18 FDR to determine if they were a reliable source of
- 19 information?
- 20 A. That wasn't the primary goal. Visits were
- 21 -- again, because they are -- they have such a high
- 22 volume of information that they provide to Trans
- 23 Union, just to talk about ways to make processing
- 24 more efficient. Technology, technology changes.
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versus what systems Trans Union is building to make 1 sure we are compatible and all that kind of stuff. 2

- Q. Is FDR a reliable source of information?
- 4 A. Yes.

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- O. How do you know that?
- A. As I said earlier, we have been processing 6
- data for them since I have been with the company, and 7
- they process data for over I believe 6,000 customers. 8
- And have not received any disputes that they are 9
- processing inaccurately, as well as nothing exceeded 10
- thresholds from the systems that I talked about 11
- 12 earlier.
- 13 O. Does FDR extend credit to consumers?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- O. Do trade lines show up as FDR trade lines? 15
 - A. I don't know for sure. I do not believe so.
- 17 Q. It's true, isn't it, that FDR provides
- information to Trans Union on behalf of certain 18
- 19 furnishers such as CCB, right?
- 20 A. Yes. They serve as third-party processor.
- 21 Q. And you testified earlier, and correct me if
- 22 I am wrong, that Trans Union keeps a tally of
- 23 disputes it gets from consumers by furnisher, right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. If a consumer disputes a trade line that is

but, yes, there is a link.

Q. Have you ever done that -- strike that.

Has Trans Union ever done that?

A. We have had situations where information was reported -- where errors in reporting of information had occurred at FDR. That was detected through a

score card. And the error resided at FDR, not at the subscriber itself.

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Q. When was that?

- A. And vice versa. I don't have specific times. I know of times that that has happened.
- 11 Q. How many times has it happened? 12
 - A. Less than five. But I don't know the exact
- number. I can give you some examples of what has 14
- 15 happened.
 - Q. Okay. If you would, please.
- A. Data system glitch where they closed 17
- everybody's account. So consumers were calling 18
- saying -- for example, Bank of America who FDR 19
- processes for said my account's open, it's not 20
- closed. So we called FDR right away to get it 21
- rectified. And it was FDR's site, it wasn't at the 22
- application BOA site. 23
- Q. And did that happen for -- was it more than 24
- just BOA that was affected by that --25

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- reported by a furnisher that uses FDR, that dispute
- will be tallied under the furnisher such as CCB that 2
- 3 uses FDR and not under FDR, right?
 - A. Correct.
- 4 5 Q. So you don't have a tally of the disputes
- that Trans Union receives from consumers broken down
- 7 by how many relate to FDR?
- MR, CENTO: Object to the form. 8
- THE WITNESS: Yes, there is a link to the 9
- 10 subscriber code number that shows that is a processor
- 11 of FDR, so we would have a mechanism to show that.
- BY MR. GOOLSBY: 12
- 13 Q. You have a mechanism to discover that
- information, but you don't routinely sort by that; is 14
- 15 that correct?
- 16 A. Score cards are delivered by the subscriber,
- not by FDR. But there is a link to the subscriber 17
- code that FDR is the processor of the information. 18
- 19 Q. So if you wanted to find out how many
- disputes Trans Union had received from consumers who 20
- were disputing trade lines that are reported through
- FDR, you could find that information out. Do I 22
- understand that correctly --23
- A. I believe there would have to be some 24
- development work based on what the procedures are, 25

- A. I don't recall if it was global or that
- specific subscriber. I believe it was that specific
- 3 subscriber in that case that I gave you. In fact, I
- don't ever recall it being a global, usually at the 4 5 portfolio level.
- 6 Q. So you give me one example. I think you 7 said there were maybe five. Can you give me some 8
 - A. They keep track, they keep track of all of
- 10 their subscribers. There is a link with an ID, they
- call it a SISPRIN number. So sometimes those numbers 11
- have gotten out of sync. So if it gets out of sync 12
- we could put down the wrong subscriber name on the 13
- 14 trade line.

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- Q. And that's happened?
- A. That's happened, yes. 16
 - Q. That's two.
- A. So somebody has said, you know, I have a 18
- Visa not a Master Card, how did this happen, and we 19
- called FDR and got it fixed or caught it within our 20
- audit itself. 21
- 22 Q. That's two. Can you tell me any more
- 23 examples?
- 24 A. They may have had some date errors with date
- 25 fields. I remember there were a couple of date

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issues where they weren't reporting the date 1 2 correctly.

Q. They may have an issue or they did?A. They did have an issue. Sorry. They did have an issue with a date. It was the close date was matching the open date, which is -- isn't logical and they fixed that.

Q. I know you've testified about this before, 8 but tell me again how long you've worked at Trans 9 10 Union?

A. Since 1989. 11

Q. And in that entire period, have you been in 12 a position where these sorts of issues with FDR would 13 have come to your attention? 14

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Q. So when you say roughly five issues, you're 16 talking about over the past roughly 16 years? 17

A. Yes. 18

O. You've talked about three. Can you remember 19 20 any others?

21 A. Those are the only three I remember.

O. Do you know what a dump report is? 22

A. I know what a dump -- I know what a computer 23

dump is. Just a dump of information. But I don't 24

recognize any dump report. You need to be more

A. No.

MR, GOOLSBY: Then I don't have any questions 2 3 for you about it.

When furnishers such as CCB report 4 information to Trans Union through the Metro I or 5 Metro II format, does all the information that Trans 6 Union receives get put into the consumer's file at 8 Trans Union?

A. Could you rephrase that question.

Q. Sure. That was a little weird with the 10 subject/verb placement. 11

12 When information is transmitted to Trans Union through the Metro I or Metro II formats 13 on a monthly basis, does all the information that 14 comes end up in the consumer's file at Trans Union? 15

A. No.

17 Q. So there is some information that's sent to Trans Union that doesn't end up in Trans Union's file 18 19 for the consumer?

20 A. Yes.

21 O. How does Trans Union decide what information 22 it's going to put in its file?

A. We have algorithms and edits in place. 23

24 Q. Algorithm is a formula that's plugged into a

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Q. Is a computer dump how Trans Union receives 2 information on a monthly basis from furnishers? 3

A. I don't refer to this as a dump, no. I just refer to that as a transmission.

Q. Okay. And that's through the Metro system; 6 7 is that correct?

A. They utilize Metro format. They can send it 8 9 different ways.

Q. Do all furnishers use the Metro format?

11 A. Yes.

O. And there are different versions of the

Metro version; is that correct? 13

14 A. There's two, there's the Metro I and then there is the Metro II. 15

O. And which version does CCB use?

17 A. I am not sure.

MR. GOOLSBY: Mark this as Exhibit No. 3.

(WHEREUPON, said document was 19 marked as Stockdale Deposition 20 Exhibit No. 3 for

Identification.) 22

23 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

Q. Mr. Stockdale, have you ever seen a document 24 25

in this format before?

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Q. And those algorithms are put into effect by a computer, right? 3

A. Yes.

Q. But they are designed by humans?

A. Correct.

O. What criteria do the humans who design those algorithms use for determining what information that Trans Union receives via Metro tape ends up in the consumer's file?

11 A. I don't even know where to begin with a 12 question like that.

13 Algorithms -- algorithms are designed by statisticians, by computer engineers, benchmarking 14 off of a variety of companies that specialize in the 15 matching and the updating of financial information. 16 So that's how the algorithms are built. 17

O. When you say a variety of companies, are the algorithms designed by people outside of Trans Union?

A. No, we receive information -- we develop --20 we develop the algorithms themselves, but we seek out 21 source advice to create those algorithms. 22

23 O. So do you know what criteria go into the algorithms, either the Trans Union devices or that 24

Trans Union is advised by outsiders to put into the

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A. Again we're getting a little bit outside of my area, but we have -- as I stated earlier, we have computer engineers, computer designers, we have statisticians, we would work with outsource companies for matching purposes, for standardization purposes in the areas of name processing, address processing.

7 Q. So is there some information that's reported 8 to Trans Union via the Metro tape that Trans Union 9 determines is not important enough to be included on in Trans Union's file? 11

A. Again, that would hit our edits, our reject criteria. If there wasn't enough information in the address fields, if there wasn't enough information in the name fields, that may cause a record to reject, because I didn't have enough information to match it to a credit report.

18 Q. I guess I am actually asking about the 19 opposite circumstance where you get more information 20 than what you would put into a consumer's file, is 21 there some information that's determined to be superfluous or unnecessary to put in the consumer's 22 23 file?

24 A. Yes. There's some information that's used for matching purposes, but it's not placed in the

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Q. So is that what Trans Union looks at to discover these trends that we talked about earlier?

A. No, we actually literally count every 4 record. We don't utilize that field, we actually 5 6 count it.

Q. So the trailer is the furnisher's count; is that right?

A. Yes.

O. Trans Union does its own count? 10

A. Yes.

O. Does Trans Union ever compare its count to 12 13 the trailer?

A. We have.

O. Does that happen as part of the audit check? 15

A. No.

When would that happen or -- strike that. 17 When has that happened? 18

19 A. I'm sorry. I answered it correctly. During the audit check, yes, this is what you said you gave 20 us, this is what we show. 21

22 Q. That's not just on a specific count, it is 23 your totals of numbers?

A. Yes.

O. Tell me more about the header record.

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Q. So is it true -- well, let me ask a preliminary question.

Do you know what a name scan is?

A. Yes.

O. Is it true when we look at a name scan, we're not seeing everything that has been reported to Trans Union by a given furnisher for that trade line?

A. Correct.

10 Q. Does Trans Union have a way to access a record of the totality of what was reported to Trans 11 Union through the Metro tape? 12

A. There's a header report that gives you identification about the subscriber, and then there's a trailer that would count -- that have counts in it. So, for instance, it would say that this portfolio contains a hundred-thousand consumers.

Q. Is a trailer then -- does that go with an entire portfolio as reported by a given furnisher?

A. Yes. 20

21 Q. So that would have statistics on how many accounts there are in this -- I called it dump, I 22

forget the word you used, but transmission, and it 23

would have other statistical information of the

25 totality of the portfolio's transmission?

That's the -- that's got identifying information in 1 2 it?

A. Yes. When the data was processed, who processed it, the date of activity. There's a variety of different fields within the header.

Q. And when you say the header record shows who processed it, doesn't it happen all automatically in the computer?

9 A. Uh-huh. But we still -- for identification 10 purposes that we still have them put that in there.

Q. You have the furnisher put in?

A. The furnisher would provide who processed 12 13 information. So, for instance, if it was FDR, FDR would put in there that I processed the data.

14 Q. So FDR is what would you call a processor; 15

is that right? 16

A. Whoever is sending the data is -- I should 17 have said provider. Data provider. Whoever is 18 19 processing the data. I apologize. I continue to 20 flip-flop terms.

21 Q. Sure. That's okay. I think I understand 22 you.

23 Would it be okay if we took a short

break so I can review my notes and then we can wrap 24 25

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MR. CENTO: Sure.

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O. Mr. Stockdale, you talked about the audit check that you do. And I want to ask specifically how that works when you're dealing with a furnisher

that utilizes a third-party data processor or data 9

provider such as FDR. Does Trans Union involve FDR 10 11 in the audit check?

12 A. It depends on the portfolio that we're

auditing and if -- we rely -- we already -- FDR we 13

already know is a very reliable processor. However,

it's up to the actual subscriber themselves to

16 determine if they want FDR involved or not. So it 17 depends.

Q. But you let the furnisher decide if FDR is 18 19 involved; is that right?

20 A. Yes. We can just work directly with the

subscriber or we can bring FDR in and work together, 21 22 all three of us together.

Q. And I think you may have answered this, but 23

tell me again, do you do separate audit checks of FDR

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> A. Like I said before, I know they're a 2

reliable provider, but I'm not personally involved in the actual process of doing the day-to-day with them,

so I would have to check with my analyst. 5

Q. Does Trans Union ever review the score cards that subscribers provide to see if Trans Union agrees with those score cards?

A. Yes, we see those score cards.

Q. I understand you see them. My question is, 10

do you ever disagree with the score a furnisher gives 11 you in its score card? For example, do you ever say 12

-- if they say, Trans Union, you did something wrong 13

here, do you ever come back and say, well, no, 14

15 actually, furnisher, that was your error. We

shouldn't be marked for that? 16

17 A. Yes, because they are developing the

measurements on the score card. I'm sure there are 18

-- there would be times that Trans Union would 19

20 disagree with the measurement. However, we probably

would not dispute it because it is their score card 21

and you can measure it any way you want to measure 22 23

Q. So Trans Union doesn't use that itself?

A. We use -- some score cards add a lot of

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A. Yes.

Q. How often?

A. Again, they're in the same stream as

4 everybody else as far as checking the information.

5 We have one analyst that solely does nothing but work

with FDR and they're checking portfolios all the time 6

7 with FDR. 8

Q. Do you know what a customer audit report is?

9 A, I don't.

10 Q. We talked about the two different types of

score cards, and you talked a little bit about the 11

kind that Trans Union creates in its consumer 12

relations department. And you said there was also a 13

type of score card that's created by the subscriber. 14

15 Do I recall that correctly?

A. Yes.

Q. Does Trans Union use the score cards that 17

the subscribers create in any way? 18

A. They're basically the subscriber actually 19

keeps a score card on Trans Union. And they monitor 20

21 different fields, different fields that we provide to

22 them when we provide a credit report to them, and

23 they give us feedback how we are doing compared to

24 our competition.

Q. Does CCB or ACS have that type of a score

value to our process, others don't utilize any value to our process. When I say the word values, that is

3 in the area of quality and accuracy.

4 If it doesn't provide that type of information for us, we really don't utilize it. If

it does, then we utilize it. 6

Q. Does Trans Union and its two main

8 competitors Equifax and Experian use a third-party

vendor for transmitting information?

A. I'm sorry. Can you repeat that.

Q. Do the three -- you know what I mean by the 11

12 big three? 13

A. Right.

Q. Do the big three use a third-party vendor to 14

15 transmit information?

MR. CENTO: Objection, vague. 16

THE WITNESS: I don't -- at what point in the 17

18 process?

BY MR. GOOLSBY: 19

20 Q. I believe in one of the other cases you

testified that some correspondence with furnishers 21

goes through or possibly goes through AT & T. Do you 22

23 remember that?

24 A. I do and I think I was referring to the

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    TRANS UNION, LLC;
EXPERIAN INFORMATION
SOLUTIONS, INC.; CSC
    CREDIT SERVICES, INC.
And EQUIFAX, INC., d/b/a )
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    SERVICES, LLC.
         Defendants. )
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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, Certified
Shorthand Reporter for the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing was reported by stenographic and mechanical means, which matter was held on the date, and at the time and place set out on the title page hereof and that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate transcript of same.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties, nor am I an employee of or related to any of the attorneys representing the parties, and I have no financial interest in the outcome of this matter.

I have	hereunder	subscribed my	hand on the
24th	day of	March	2005

MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, CSR

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 05-22-07

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

JAMES M. McKEOWN,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Madison, Wisconsin November 18, 2004

9:01 a.m.

TRANS UNION, LLC,

Civil Case 03-C-0528-C

Defendant.

VOLUME 3-A.

STENOGRAPHIC TRANSCRIPT OF THIRD DAY OF JURY TRIAL HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE BARBARA B. CRABB, and a Jury. (Morning Session Only.)

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Madison, WI 53703

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3-A-2 1 APPEARANCES: (Continued.) 2 Also Present: 3 James M. McKeown, Plaintiff. William Stockdale, Senior Director of Customer Information 4 Services, Trans Union. 5 * * * I N D E X * * * 6 Witnesses for the Plaintiff: 7 Name Direct Cross Redirect 8 TED MATTHEW GERBER deposition read, See Page 7. 9 CHRISTINE ERICKSON deposition read, See Page 20. 10 JOAN C. McKEOWN 48 66 80 11 12 Witnesses for the Defendant: 13 Name Direct Redirect Cross 14 WILLIAM STOCKDALE 85 15 16 Exhibits for the Plaintiff: 17 Number Description Offered Received 18 110 Joanie McKeown's 6/27/2003 letter 58 58 19 to Sears 20 111 Sears 7/2/2003 faxed letter to 6.2 Plaintiff 21 112 Excerpt of Plaintiff's credit ٠7 7 22 application to Community Bank of Cameron-Grantsburg with the bank's 23 notes 24 113 6/27/2003 Denial letter from 7 Community Bank of Cameron-Grantsburg 25 to Plaintiff

3-A-3 INDEX *** (Continued.) Exhibits for the Plaintiff: (Cont.d) Number <u>Description</u> <u>Offered</u> Received Plaintiff's Trans Union 6/27/2003 credit report sent to Community Bank of Cameron-Grantsburg 7/11/2003 Denial letter from US Bank-Grantsburg to Plaintiff US Bank-Grantsburg's internal documents dated 6/27/2003 7/16/2004 e-mail from Thomas Johnson to Chris Erickson

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1 mine. They're calling saying it's paid or closed. They're

2 calling disputing the payment pattern; whether it's, you know,

30 days late or not, or they are disputing inaccuracies. I'm

sorry. They're disputing an address, and normally it's a

5 previous address they no longer live at.

6 Q And how often are those audited and checked to determine

7 whether there are deviations or issues to be addressed?

8 A The scorecards are processed at the consumer relations

9 level.

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Q What is a scorecard?

11 A A scorecard is that we monitor the relationship that we

12 have with the lender to make sure that they're engaged into the

13 investigation process. So we want to make sure that when we're

14 sending or when we're sending a dispute from a consumer, and

the day we receive the dispute we're sending it right to the

16 lender that same day. We want to make sure that they're

17 responding; because what the law says is if -- the law says if

I don't receive it within thirty -- if I don't rectify the

dispute within thirty days, I'm going to do whatever the

20 consumer says. So we monitor that.

21 And if we're just doing what the consumer says because the

lender's not responding back, then we're going to talk to the

lender to make sure they're engaged. Because if they're not

engaged in that process, perhaps the data that they're sending

could be an issue as well.

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      the Defendant for examination, taken pursuant to
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      notice, agreement and by the provisions of the
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Q Okay,

2 Α I believe it is after, because I'm 3 just basing that based on looking at trade number 4 22.

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Α I think they are the same account numbers on both files.

Q Okav.

A And the one on the type date of May of 2003 says it was reported in May of 2005 -- no, May of 2003, and the one with the handwritten date on it says it was updated in June 2003.

Q Okay. Then if you compare the one with the handwritten June 2003 to the printed July 2003, the handwritten June 2003 appears to come before the printed July 2003, is that correct?

18 Α Yes.

19 Q Okay. So if you just look at the 20 printed ones, we have a period apparently of a

month and a half from the May 2003 to the July

22 2003. If we were to insert the handwritten June

2003, we would then have either a half month from 23 24

May to June and then a month from June to July,

equals something, and so forth. What do you call 2 each of those units of information within a trade 3 line?

Well, each them are pieces of information for the trade line.

6 Okay. Is there a name for them that 7 you use, a generic name for DR equals something is one and MA equals something is another? You called them pieces of information. Is that a 10 formal term that you use in your job or do they 11 have some other formal term? 12

Each field has its own name. Like DR would be date reported and MA would be market area. I don't know if that was what you were looking for.

16 Q I understand that. Is there something 17 that they call it in the generic?

A No. Just we would refer to it as the 18 19 date reported for trade 24 or the market area of 20 trade 24.

Q Do you ever call them items of information?

23 They could be called items of information. I have never had any need to refer

or a month from May to June and then a half month 2 from June to July, is that correct? 3

A Yes.

4 Okay. What I would ask you to do then is to take TU 190 and 191 and insert that between 5 the printed May 2003 and the printed July 2003. 7 And we're going to take that whole batch and mark 8 it Exhibit 1, please. 9

(Romanowski Exhibit No. 1 marked for identification.)

11 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

12 Q Here's binder clip. You can keep that all together. All right. Now, I just want to talk in general about how you read these documents, and I know you have testified to some 15 of this before, so I will try to go over this 16 17 fairly quickly. Let's start with the one that's

labeled December 2001 and go down to where it 18

19 says TR 24. TR stands for trade line, is that

20 correct?

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A Yes.

22 Q And then for each trade line it's got

a number of things that follow. For example, on 23

24 TR 24 we have DR equals 12012001; MA equals 9; SB to them collectively.

2 Okay. If I call them items of 3 information, will you understanding what I mean? 4

5 MR. CENTO: I object to the use of the term items of information.

7 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

8 Now, Miss Romanowski, you're aware 9 that in this case the plaintiff's claim is that she was falsely reported as deceased, aren't you? 10 11

Α Yes.

12 Q And when do you first see any entity reflected as reporting to Trans Union that 13

14 Ms. Schmitt was deceased? 15

For all the trade lines? Α

Yes, for all the trade lines. Well, let me ask you a preliminary question, actually.

On this December 2001 page, there are two trade 18

lines that have an asterisk by them, TR 22 and TR 19

20 15. Do you see that? 21

Α Yes.

22 What is the significance of that Q

23 asterisk?

I marked those trades with an asterisk

30 32 1 O First name Peggy? 1 And then also says 11-01-1995 -- well. 2 Α Yes. it also says first day of the month is perhaps a 3 And middle name M. And Peggy M. \mathbf{O} better way for me to say that. Is it true that Schmitt is the person for whom these name scans 4 in that field also it's not necessarily actually 5 are, right? 5 the first date of the month that that account was 6 Α Yes. 6 opened? 7 Q So would you agree with me that there 7 Α Yes. 8 appears to be a match here in general? 8 Q Okay. And then if you look back at MR. CENTO: Objection. Lack of foundation. 9 Exhibit 2, in fact you will see in the first THE WITNESS: Well, I agree there is a match 10 10 column about a quarter of the way down, open on account number and match on consumer's name. 11 11 date, 11-20-1995. 12 BY MR. GOOLSBY: 12 Α Yes. 13 Q Okay. On TR 15 on the name scan, says 13 So do you have any reason to doubt DR equals, and I believe you testified that DR 14 14 that the account was actually opened on the 20th equals date reported. And that says 11-01-2002, 15 15 of the month rather than the first? 16 right? 16 A No. 17 Α Yes. 17 And do you have any reason to doubt 18 O And I would refer you to the Exhibit 2 18 that the reporting date was actually the fifth of 19 in the top of the middle column, just above that 19 November, 2002, rather than the first? middle column it says reporting date 11-05-2002 20 A No. 21 do you see where I am? 21 MR. CENTO: Objection. Lack of foundation. 22 Α Yes. 22 BY MR. GOOLSBY: 23 Q And I will represent to you that that 23 Q Okay. Now, on the November 2002 name date of 11-05-2002 is what Bank One represents is scan in the inquiry section, do you see any new 31 33 the date that it does its monthly reporting. 1 inquiries that weren't on the previous month? It's -- they call it a cycle, their monthly 2 Α Yes. reporting cycle. And I'm wondering if you know 3 Q And that has a KB code that begins why your records show November 1, 2002, when Bank 4 with an F, right? One is saying its November 5, 2002. 5 Α Yes. 6 MR. CENTO: Objection. Lack of foundation. 6 And do you know what F, a KB code that 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. At this point in time 01 7 begins with an F signifies? was the default date, which would indicate that 8 A No. it happened sometime within the month of 9 And in that particular instance it 10 November. 10 says DA. What does DA stand for? 11 BY MR. GOOLSBY: 11 A Date of activity. 12 Q In fact, we see on most of these trade 12 And that says 11-02-2002, right? 13 lines on the November name scan they have 01. 13 A Yes. Actually it looks like all of them on this 14 Q So there we have a date that's particular one, is that correct? 15 15 different from 01. Does that mean that we know 16 A Yes. that the date of the activity really was on the 16 17 So is it your testimony that that 17 second day of the month? 18 doesn't necessarily mean that it was actually 18 Yes. 19 reported on the first of the month? 19 O So that's not a default. That's when 20 A Yes. 20 you know the date, the actual date, you put it in 21 And then I would ask you to look at 21 there? 22 trade line 15, where it says DO. Does that stand 22 Α 23 for date opened? 23 Q And just to finish the thought, if we

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A Yes.

see a 01 for the first date of the month, is

AO 88 (Rev. 1/94) Subpoena in a Civil Case

Issued by the

United States District Court DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Penny Lee Anderson and Russell D. Anderson, Sr.,

Trans Union, L.L.C.;

Plaintiffs,

SUBPOENA IN A CIVIL CASE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN CASE NUMBER: 03-C- 0510 C

-VS-	

RD SYSTEMS, 800 DELAWARE STREET,	
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DATE AND TIME: 9: 30 AM, January 13, 2005	
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(c) PROTECTION OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO SUBPOENAS.

(1) A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The court on behalf of which the subpoena was issued shall enforce this duty and impose upon the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and a reasonable attorney's fee.

(2)(A) A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents or tangible things or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for

deposition, hearing or trial.

(2)(B) Subject to paragraph (d)(2) of this rule, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within 14 days after service of the subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than 14 days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoena written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy the materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the court by which the subpoena was issued. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.

(3)(A) On timely motion, the court by which a subpoena was

issued shall quash or modify the subpoena if it

(i) fails to allow reasonable time for compliance;

(ii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to travel to a place more than 100 miles from the place where that person resides, is employed or regularly transacts

business in person, except that, subject to the provisions of clause (c)(3)(B)(iii) of this rule, such a person may in order to attend trial be commanded to travel from any such place within the state in which the trial is held, or

(iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter and no exception or waiver applies, or

(iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) If a subpoena

(i) requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential

research, development, of commercial information, or

(ii) requires disclosure of an unretained expert's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any party, or

(iii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to incur substantial expense to travel more than 100 miles to attend trial, the court may, to project a person subject to or affected by the subpoena, quash or modify the subpoena or, if the party in whose behalf the subpoena is issued shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship and assures that the person to whom the subpoena is addressed will be reasonably compensated, the court may order appearance or production only upon specified conditions.

(d) DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO SUBPOENA.

(1) A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents shall produce them as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the demand.

(2) When information subject to a subpoena is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN COURT FILE NO.: 03-C-0510 C

Penny Lee Anderson and Russell D. Anderson, Sr.,

Plaintiffs,

-VS-

PLAINITFFS' 3RD AMENDED NOTICE OF TAKING DEPOSITION OF CROSS COUNTRY BANK'S/APPLIED CARD SYSTEMS FRCP 30 (b)(6) REPRESENTATIVE(S), DUCES TECUM

Trans Union, L.L.C.; Experian Information Solutions Inc.; CSC Credit Services, Inc.; and, Equifax, Inc. d/b/a Equifax Information Services LLC;

Defendants.

TO: CORPORATE COUNSEL, LEGAL DEPARTMENT, CROSS COUNTRY BANK, INC./APPLIED CARD SYSTEMS, INC., 800 DELAWARE AVENUE, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the TELEPHONIC deposition of Cross Country Bank's Rule 30(b)(6) Representative(s) having the most knowledge/information about:

- 1. The contents, mailing and receipt of Exhibit 14 to E. McKenna's June 28, 2004 deposition (attached hereto as Exhibit A.)
- 2. The E-Oscar Web Reports dated 01-08-2003 (attached hereto as Exhibit B.)
- 3. The contents, comments and notes in Exhibit 18 of E. McKenna's June 28, 2004 deposition (attached hereto as Exhibit C.)

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- 4. The contents and notes in Exhibit 25 of E. McKenna's June 28, 2004 deposition (attached hereto as Exhibit D.)
- 5. all audits, communications or correspondence dated January 1, 1998 to the present between CCB or ACS and any credit reporting agency relating to the reliability of information produced by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies.
- 6. All systems or procedures in place for verifying that manual or electronic updates sent by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies are in fact received by the credit reporting agencies
- 7. all AUDfs or UDFs (e.g., Exhibit E attached hereto) dated January 1, 2000 to the present that were sent by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies concerning the Andersons' CCB accounts
- 8. all systems in place to assure that changes made pursuant to UDFs or AUDFs sent are also corrected and updated on monthly tape reporting to the credit reporting agencies.
- 9. all information concerning whether or not manual updates (UDFs/AUDFs) override or are suppressed to override monthly tape reporting.
- 10. all instructions provided to CCB/ACS by any credit reporting agency on how to complete a UDF or AUDF.

by oral examination will be taken before a qualified notary public at the law offices of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, 919 North Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 at

9:30 AM ET on the 13th Day of January 2005 thereafter by adjournment until the same shall be completed.

IN DESIGNATING a person to appear for deposition under Rule 30(b)(6), an organization must make a conscientious good-faith endeavor to designate persons having knowledge of matters sought by the interrogator. Protective Nat. Ins. Co. of Omaha v. Commonwealth Ins. Co., 137 F.R.D. 267, 278 (D. Neb. 1989) (applying identical federal rule). If an organization fails to designate a person with knowledge, sanctions may be imposed. Arctic Cat Inc., v. Injection Research Specialists, Inc., 210 F.R.D. 680, 682-83 (D. Minn.).

An organization must not only produce such number of persons as will satisfy the request, but must also prepare them so that they may give complete, knowledgeable and binding answers on behalf of the organization. Prokosch v. Catalina Lighting, Inc., 193 F.R.D. 633, 638 (D. Minn 2000). An organization's duty to prepare its designee(s) so that they can give knowledgeable and binding answers attaches not just to matters personally known to the designee(s), but also to subjects that the organization should reasonably know. Hooker v. Norfolk So. Ry. Co., 204 F.R.D. 124, 126 (S.D. Ind. 2001); Poole ex. rel. Elliot v. Textron, Inc., 192 F.R.D. 494, 504 (D. Md. 2000).

The scope of the deposition is not limited to the matters specified in the Notice of Deposition, but is limited only as provided generally in F. R. Civ. P. 26. The matters set forth in the deposition notice therefore constitute the minimum, not the maximum, about which the

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deponent must be prepared to speak. <u>Detoy v. City and County of San Francisco</u>, 196 F.R.D. 362, 366-67 (N.D. Cal. 2000).

YOU ARE DIRECTED, pursuant to Rule 30 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to produce the following documents and things at the time of your deposition, if not already produced:

- all "credit bureau record dump reports" dated August 2000 to the present not already produced in Exhibit 25 of E. McKenna's June 28, 2004 deposition (attached hereto.)
- 2. all instructions provided to CCB/ACS by any credit reporting agency on how to complete a UDF or AUDF.
- 3. Any and all policy and procedure manuals regarding:
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 - b.) reporting all systems in place to assure sure that changes made pursuant to
 UDFs or AUDFs sent are also corrected and updated on monthly tape reporting to
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DEFINITIONS

The term "documents" means all the writings of any kind, including the original and all non-identical copies, whether different from the originals by reason of any notation made on such copies or otherwise, including, without limitation, correspondence, memoranda, notes, diaries, statistics, e-mails, letters, telegrams, minutes, contracts, reports, studies, checks, statements, receipts, returns, summaries, pamphlets, books, interoffice and intra-office communications, notations of any sort of conversations, telephone calls, meetings or communications, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, teletypes, telefax, invoices, worksheets, all drafts, alterations, and modifications, changes and amendments of any of the foregoing, graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotapes, recordings, motion pictures) and any electronic, mechanical, or electrical records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, recordings and computer memories).

Dated: 12 1 2004

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Anderson v. Cross Country Bank et al

Our File No.: 8228

NAF File: FA0406000286852

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed and served upon you please find:

- Notice of Taking Deposition of CCB/ACS FRCP 30(b)(6) Representative, duces tecum
- Notice of Taking Deposition of CCB/ACS employee, EmileEmildare
 Notice of Taking Deposition of CCB/ACS employee, Ruth Echols
- Notice of Taking Deposition of CCB/ACS employee, Cassandra Harmon
- Notice of Taking Deposition of CCB/ACS employee, Linneir Clarke

Please call with any questions.

Very truly yours,

/ssw

Enclosures

cc:

Lewis Perling, Esq. (via US Mail) G. John Cento, Esq. (via US Mail) Christopher Lane, Esq. (via US Mail) Dustin B. Rawlin, Esq. (via US Mail) Eric Girvan, Esq. (via US Mail)

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- 3. The contents, comments and notes in Exhibit 18 of E. McKenna's June 28, 2004 deposition (attached hereto as Exhibit C.)
- 4. The contents and notes in Exhibit 25 of E. McKenna's June 28, 2004 deposition (attached hereto as Exhibit D.)

- 5. all audits, communications or correspondence dated January 1, 1998 to the present between CCB/ACS and any credit reporting agency relating to the reliability of information produced by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies.
- 6. All systems or procedures in place for verifying that manual or electronic updates sent by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies are in fact received by the credit reporting agencies
- 7. all AUDfs or UDFs (e.g., Exhibit E attached hereto) dated January 1, 2000 to the present that were sent by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies concerning the Andersons' CCB accounts
- 8. all systems in place to assure that changes made pursuant to UDFs or AUDFs sent are also corrected and updated on monthly tape reporting to the credit reporting agencies.
- 9. all information concerning whether or not manual updates (UDFs/AUDFs) override or are suppressed to override monthly tape reporting.
- 10. all instructions provided to CCB/ACS by any credit reporting agency on how to complete a UDF or AUDF.
- 11. the relationship between the ECOA "X" mark and the "REMARKS," by oral examination will be taken before a qualified notary public at the law offices of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, 919 North Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 at 9:30 AM ET on the 13th Day of January 2005 thereafter by adjournment until the same shall be completed.

IN DESIGNATING a person to appear for deposition under Rule 30(b)(6), an organization must make a conscientious good-faith endeavor to designate persons having knowledge of matters sought by the interrogator. Protective Nat. Ins. Co. of Omaha v. Commonwealth Ins. Co., 137 F.R.D. 267, 278 (D. Neb. 1989) (applying identical federal rule). If an organization fails to designate a person with knowledge, sanctions may be imposed. Arctic Cat Inc., v. Injection Research Specialists, Inc., 210 F.R.D. 680, 682-83 (D. Minn.).

An organization must not only produce such number of persons as will satisfy the request, but must also prepare them so that they may give complete, knowledgeable and binding answers on behalf of the organization. Prokosch v. Catalina Lighting, Inc., 193 F.R.D. 633, 638 (D. Minn 2000). An organization's duty to prepare its designee(s) so that they can give knowledgeable and binding answers attaches not just to matters personally known to the designee(s), but also to subjects that the organization should reasonably know. Hooker v. Norfolk So. Ry. Co., 204 F.R.D. 124, 126 (S.D. Ind. 2001); Poole ex. rel. Elliot v. Textron, Inc., 192 F.R.D. 494, 504 (D. Md. 2000).

The scope of the deposition is not limited to the matters specified in the Notice of Deposition, but is limited only as provided generally in F. R. Civ. P. 26. The matters set forth in the deposition notice therefore constitute the minimum, not the maximum, about which the deponent must be prepared to speak. <u>Detoy v. City and County of San Francisco</u>, 196 F.R.D. 362, 366-67 (N.D. Cal. 2000).

YOU ARE DIRECTED, pursuant to Rule 30 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to produce the following documents and things at the time of your deposition, if not already produced:

- 1. all "credit bureau record dump reports" dated August 2000 to the present not already produced in Exhibit 25 of E. McKenna's June 28, 2004 deposition (attached hereto.)
- 2. all instructions provided to CCB/ACS by any credit reporting agency on how to complete a UDF or AUDF.
- Copies of any and all communications via email or letter between CCB/ACS and the credit reporting agencies that reference Claimants regarding the relationship between ECOA "X" marks and the "REMARKS" area of an ACDV/CDV.
- 4. Any and all policy and procedure manuals regarding:
 - a.) manual updates (UDFs/AUDFs) override or are suppressed to override monthly tape
 - b.) reporting all systems in place to assure sure that changes made pursuant to UDFs or AUDFs sent are also corrected and updated on monthly tape reporting to the credit reporting agency
 - c.) All systems or procedures in place for verifying that manual or electronic updates sent by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies are in fact received by the credit reporting agencies

DEFINITIONS

The term "documents" means all the writings of any kind, including the original and all non-identical copies, whether different from the originals by reason of any notation made on such copies or otherwise, including, without limitation, correspondence, memoranda, notes, diaries, statistics, e-mails, letters, telegrams, minutes, contracts, reports, studies, checks, statements, receipts, returns, summaries, pamphlets, books, interoffice and intra-office communications, notations of any sort of conversations, telephone calls, meetings or communications, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, teletypes, telefax, invoices, worksheets, all drafts, alterations, and modifications, changes and amendments of any of the foregoing, graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotapes, recordings, motion pictures) and any electronic, mechanical, or electrical records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, recordings and computer memories).

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NATIONAL ARBITRATION FORUM

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Penny Lee Anderson and
Russell D. Anderson, Sr.,

Claimants,

v.

Cross Country Bank, Inc. and
Applied Card Systems, Inc.,

Respondents.

Deposition of Cross Country Bank, Inc. and Applied Card Systems, Inc. taken pursuant to Rule 30(b)(6) through its designee CHRISTINE A. CINTRON at Applied Card Systems, 50 Applied Card Way, Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, beginning at 2:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2005, before Kurt A. Fetzer, Registered Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public.

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Page 2 Page 4 1 CHRISTINE A. CINTRON. know. The one thing I will ask though is that you 1 2 the deponent herein, having first been 2 wait until a question is no longer pending before you 3 duly sworn on oath, was examined and 3 ask for a break so that I get the answer to the 4 testified as follows: 4 question I asked before you take a break. 5 **EXAMINATION** 5 Does that make sense? 6 BY MR. GOOLSBY: 6 A. That makes sense. 7 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Cintron. My name is John 7 Q. Who is your employer, please? 8 Goolsby and I'm one of the attorneys for the claimants 8 A. Back Room Services. 9 in this matter, Penny Anderson and Russell Anderson. 9 Q. I beg your pardon? 10 I understand that you have been designated 10 A. Back Room Services, which is an affiliate of to testify about certain matters on behalf of Cross 11 11 Cross Country Bank. 12 Country Bank and ACS. Q. Back Room Services. What is your title with 12 13 Could I please get you to state your full 13 Back Room Services? 14 name for the record? A. Vice president of credit risk. 14 A. Christine Cintron. 15 15 Q. When you say Back Room Services is an affiliate 16 Q. Could you spell your last name, please? of Cross Country Bank, can you describe that 16 17 A. C-i-n-t-r-o-n. 17 relationship a little bit? Q. All right. Besides the documents that were 18 18 A. It's the same ownership. We're located in 19 discussed in the deposition this morning, do you have 19 Pennsylvania, where Cross Country Bank is in 20 any further documents that you brought with you today? 20 Wilmington, Delaware. So it's for servicing. 21 A. No. 21 Q. Does Back Room Services also affiliate with 22 Q. Can I get your home address, please? 22 Applied Card Systems? 23 A. 20 Club Lane. That's Wilmington, Delaware, A. No. Back Room Services is an affiliate of 23 24 19810. Cross Country Bank. 24 Page 3 Page 5 1 Q. Have you ever had your deposition taken before? 1 Q. Can you summarize what the nature of the 2 A. Yes. service Back Room Services provides for Cross Country 2 3 Q. How many times? 3 Bank? A. Once. 4 4 A. We provide the credit risk services. Also 5 Q. How recently? there is financial analysis and accounting. 6 A. It's been a couple of years, at least two years 6 Q. How long have you been at Back Room Services? 7 ago. 7 A. Back Room Services? I became a Back Room Q. Was that in a case involving the Fair Credit 8 8 Services employee as of February 2004. And I've been 9 Reporting Act? 9 working with Cross Country Bank since 1999. 10 A. No. 10 Q. Does Back Room Services provide its services to 11 Q. Was that in your capacity as a representative 11 other entities besides Cross Country Bank? of Cross Country Bank or ACS? 12 12 A. No. 13 A. Yes, 13 Q. Have you been vice president of credit risk 14 Q. But it was not the Fair Credit Reporting Act? since February of 2004? 14 15 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Is there any reason you can't give complete and Q. What title did you hold at Cross Country Bank 16 17 truthful answers today? 17 before that? 18 18 A. I was vice president of deposit operations for 19 Q. Having had your deposition taken before, you 19 Cross Country Bank. 20 probably know the general idea. I'm going to ask you Q. Was that from 1999 until 2004? 20 21 factual questions. If you don't understand anything I 21 A. In 1999 I was director of deposit operations say or if I talk too fast, please stop me and ask me 22 22 and I think since 2000 I was vice president. 23 to clarify. 23 Q. So you held two different positions during your 24 And if you need a break, please let me 24 tenure at Cross Country Bank?

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1 A. Yes.

- Q. Can you briefly summarize your duties as vicepresident of credit risk at Back Room Services?
- 4 A. Okay. Credit risk, we're responsible for
- 5 acquisitions, risk review or account review and
- 6 account management once the accounts are on the

7 system.

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- And we also have credit bureau management as well in the credit risk area.
- 10 Q. When you say, "account management," do you mean 11 consumer accounts?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. You don't mean your Back Room Services accounts
- 14 with Cross Country Bank? You're talking about
- 15 individual credit card accounts?
- 16 A. Individual consumer credit card accounts, yes.
- 17 Q. And when you say, "credit bureau management,"
- 18 can you describe what you mean by that?
- 19 A. It is the communications between the credit
- 20 bureaus for our acquisitions, so it's the prescreen
- 21 list names that we order, as well as the back end
- 22 bureaus that are pulled during the acquisition
- 23 process.
- 24 Q. Okay. So when you say, "the acquisition

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 1 Q. And you are prepared to testify on CCB/ACS's
 - 2 behalf about those topics?
 - 3 A. Yes.
 - 4 Q. And you are prepared to testify on their behalf
 - 5 even though you actually work for Back Room Services.
 - 6 Is that correct?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Did you do anything to prepare for today's
- 9 deposition?
 - A. I reviewed documents with counsel.
 - Q. Which documents did you review?
- 12 A. This one and the deposition given by Ed McKenna
- 13 and some of the exhibits included in that deposition.
- 14 Q. Do you know Mr. McKenna?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Based on your reading of his deposition, are
- 17 you aware of anything that was inaccurate about his
- 18 testimony?
- 19 A. No.20 Q. In your responsibility for overseeing
- 21 communications with the credit bureaus, my
- 22 understanding is that there is actually a company
- 23 called FDR that reports to the credit bureaus. Is
- 24 that correct?

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- 1 process," are those new accounts that Cross Country
- 2 Bank is setting up?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you have any responsibility for
- 5 communication with the credit bureaus regarding
- 6 existing Cross Country Bank accounts?
- 7 A. Yes. That falls in my department as well and
- 8 there's an individual that works for me that has that
- 9 responsibility.

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- 10 Q. We marked a number of exhibits this morning and
 - I'm going to refer to the exhibits by the numbers that
 - we gave them this morning. I would like you to take a
- 13 look at first, please, Exhibit No. 1.

That has several sub-exhibits to it and I would like to have you look first at the notice of taking deposition itself. When you're ready, please

- 17 let me know if you have seen this document before.
- 18 A. Yes, I have seen this document.
- 19 Q. When did you first see this?
- 20 A. I saw it on Tuesday.
- 21 Q. I understand from this morning's deposition
- 22 that you have been designated to testify about topic
- 23 No. 5 and topics 7 through 12?
- 24 A. Correct,

- 1 A. That's correct.
 - Q. Can I have you look at, please, Exhibit B to
- 3 the deposition notice, which is Exhibit 1?
- 4 A. I have it.
- 5 Q. Mr. Giuliani testified this morning that this
- 6 is a record of information that's transmitted to the
- 7 credit bureau. Is that your understanding?
- 8 A. That's my understanding, yes.
 - Q. Do you know Mr. Giuliani?
 - A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you have any reason to doubt anything about
- 12 his testimony?

13 MR. BRYCE: Well, hold on. I mean, she

14 wasn't here for his testimony, so I don't know how she

15 could possibly answer that.

16 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

- Q. Do you have any reason to believe that hewouldn't have given truthful answers during his
- 19 testimony?
- 20 MR. BRYCE: You can answer.
 - A. No.
- 22 Q. I'll represent to you that he testified that he
- 23 believed that everything in these credit dump reports
 - is transmitted to the credit bureaus but that he

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couldn't say that for certain,

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Can you say for certain whether everything in these dump reports is transmitted to the credit bureaus?

4 5 A. No.

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- Q. Is it also your belief that everything in here
- 7 is transmitted to the credit bureaus?
- 8 A. Yes. I would believe what's here is what's
- 9 transmitted.
- Q. How does CCB/ACS know that what it intends to 10
- send to the credit bureaus is, in fact, what the 11
- 12 credit bureaus receive?
- A. It's FDR that sends the information directly to 13
- the credit bureaus, so it's our understanding that, 14
- 15 it's our understanding that the information on the
- 16 account is what's going to be sent to the bureaus.
- 17 Q. Does Cross Country Bank/ACS ever audit what FDR
- 18 is sending to make sure that it is, in fact, what
- 19 CCB/ACS intends to be sent?
- 20 A. We do a credit bureau audit, including
- 21 information that's on the credit bureau compared to
- 22 what's on the FDR system.
- 23 Q. How often do you do that?
- 24 A. There's monthly audits that are completed.

- Page 10 Page 12 that what FDR has in its database and what the credit
 - 2 bureaus have is the same, correct?
 - 3 A. Correct.
 - 4 Q. But does CCB/ACS do an audit to determine
 - 5 whether what CCB/ACS has intended to put on the FDR
 - 6 database is, in fact, what's on the FDR database?
 - 7 A. I believe that's covered in the audit that we
 - 8 do perform. There's not a separate database of
 - information other than the accounts that are housed on 9
 - the FDR platform. 10
 - 11 Q. Well, this morning Mr. Giuliani talked about a
 - 12 history transaction report. Are you familiar with
 - 13 that?

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- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. I'm sorry?
 - A. No.
- 17 Q. Are you familiar with a non-mon 146
- 18 transaction?
- 19 A. I saw a non-mon 146 transaction in the
- documents that we reviewed for this, but other than 20
- 21 that I'm not familiar with that transaction.
- 22 Q. So do I understand correctly that you're not
- 23 aware of any audit that's done to make sure that
- 24 non-mon 146 transactions are actually reflected in the

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- 1 Q. Is that a sampling of accounts or does CCB/ACS
- 2 look at every account?
- 3 A. That's a sampling of accounts.
- Q. And that compares, if I understand you 4
- 5 correctly, that compares what the credit bureaus show
- 6 they have with what is in the FDR database. Is that
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. I guess my question is though: Does CCB/ACS
- 10 ever check to make sure that what is in the FDR
- 11 database is what CCB/ACS intends?
- 12 A. Can you repeat that, please?
- 13 Q. Does CCB/ACS ever audit what's in the FDR
- 14 database to make sure that it is what CCB/ACS intends?
- 15 A. We are looking at the FDR system when we're
- 16 comparing the bureau in the audit. 17 Q. Okay. I see this as a two-step process though.
- 18 Am I correct that CCB/ACS provides
- 19 information to FDR which is then provided to the 20 credit bureaus?
 - A. The information is housed on the FDR platform
- and it's that information that's provided to the 22
- 23 credit bureaus.

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24 Q. Okay. So CCB/ACS does an audit to make sure

- FDR database? 1
- 2 A. No, I'm not aware of an audit of individual
- 3 non-mons.
- 4 Q. Are you aware of a sampling of non-mon
- 5 transactions to see if they're reflected in the FDR
- 6 database?
- 7 A. I don't know if there's a sampling of non-mons
- 8 that are reflected in the FDR database.
- 9 Q. So you don't know if what's in the FDR database 10 is what CCB/ACS intended to be there?

MR. BRYCE: Objection to the form.

12 You can answer if you're able.

- A. We know from our audits that we do comparing credit bureau to what's on the system if we have any
- 15 issues.

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- 16 Q. I understand from your audit that you make sure
- 17 that the information in the FDR database matches what 18 the credit bureau is reporting. But my question is:
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- You don't have any way of knowing whether what's in
- 20 the FDR system in the first place is, in fact, what
- 21 CCB/ACS intended?
- 22 MR. BRYCE: I'll object, John, because I
- 23 think you and the witness are talking past each other
 - and you're free to question her about this, but I

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think what she will tell you is what's on the FDR database is what we put there, and by "we" I mean ACS.

MR. GOOLSBY: Okay. I appreciate that testimony, but what I am asking the witness is how do you know that that actually reflects what you intend, that there wasn't somehow an error or mistake in transmitting ACS/CCB's intent to the FDR database?

MR. BRYCE: See, again, I'll object because I don't know what you mean by "intent" and I don't know what you mean by "error." Error on whose part? You haven't established that anyone else has access to that database but ACS.

Subject to my objection, you can answer if you're able.

A. I'm not able.

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Q. Well, let me give you an example. If an employee at ACS determined that an indication of deceased was inaccurate and that employee attempted to do something to change that in the FDR database, does

20 CCB/ACS have any way of monitoring or auditing whether

21 the FDR database does, in fact, ultimately reflect 22 that change?

MR. BRYCE: Same objections.

Answer if you're able.

1 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

> 2 Q. Ms. Cintron, is it possible that an ACS

3 employee could make a mistake in attempting to change

4 information in the FDR database?

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Q. How does CCB/ACS ever know if such a mistake

has happened?

A. We come across some mistakes during the monthly 8

9 audits and the monthly audits consist of reviewing a 10 report from E-Oscar, which is the database on where we

respond, and reviewing the dispute and the response to 11

12 make sure that it was handled correctly.

Q. Okay. I think that's getting at my question.

14 So CCB/ACS monitors how its employees

15 handle disputes with the E-Oscar system?

A. Yes.

17 Q. And how is that monitoring done?

18 A. That monitoring is done by reviewing a report

19 on a monthly basis from the E-Oscar system and from

20 the information on that report the actual dispute from

21 the consumer is reviewed and it is reviewed against

22 the FDR system, as well as a report from the bureau

23 may also be pulled.

24 Q. Again, is that a sampling or is that done on

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A. The information would be reflected on the FDR account. What's on the FDR account is what is

3 transmitted to the bureaus. So if there was a

4 deceased status that was on the FDR account on a

5 screen that we can visually see, then, yes, that 6

individual would correct it if the information was reporting incorrectly.

Q. I think we're still talking past each other and I don't feel like I had an answer to my question.

If the change isn't made correctly and, in fact, the FDR database isn't changed the way the ACS employee meant to change it, does CCB/ACS ever know about that?

MR. BRYCE: Well, see, I'm going to object because you haven't established from this witness that that can even occur; that, in other words, an ACS associate wants to change my address from A to B and she does that on the FDR system, I mean you haven't established from this witness that there's any way to her knowledge that what that is associate puts in that something different can happen.

That's what I think you need to get out with her so that maybe she can answer your question. MR. GOOLSBY: Okav.

Page 17 every dispute that's taken from the E-Oscar system?

A. That's a sampling. We receive over 15,000

3 disputes per month.

4 Q. From the E-Oscar system or from consumers 5

directly?

6 A. From the E-Oscar system.

Many of the disputes that come from that

E-Oscar system are consumers who have a legitimate delinquent history that are attempting to get that

10 history removed hoping that we won't respond in time.

Q. Are you familiar with the nature of the allegations in this case?

13 A. Yes.

Q. What do you understand the allegations to be?

15 A. I understand that the individual account in

16 this particular instance was being reported as

17 deceased and the account owners were not deceased. 18

Q. And is it your understanding that CCB/ACS was reporting them as deceased?

MR. BRYCE: Objection to the form.

You can answer.

A. According to what we saw on FDR, it didn't

23 appear that we were reporting them as deceased. On 24 the screens that were utilized it showed that it was

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- 1 an open active account.
- 2 Q. And what screens are you talking about?
- 3 A. It would be the BS screen, which reflects
- 4 internal and external status.
- Q. Would you agree that the BS screen does not 5
- 6 reflect everything that's reported to the credit
- 7 bureau?
- 8 A. I don't know that for sure.
- 9 Q. Would you agree that the BS screen does not
- reflect everything that's in the account dump report? 10
- 11 A. Again, I'm not familiar enough with the account
- 12 dump report to answer that.
- 13 Q. If you look at, please, again the first page of
- 14 the account dump report, in the middle column about a
- third of the way down do you see where it says CHD 15
- deceased flag B? 16
- A. Yes. 17
- 18 Q. Would you agree that that field does not show
- 19 up on the BS report?
- 20 A. Yes. It's the BS screen. It's not a report.
- 21 Q. I beg your pardon. The BS screen.
- 22 And so when CCB/ACS is monitoring to make
- 23 sure that disputes in the E-Oscar system were
- 24 accurately entered into the FDR system, would you

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- credit bureau dump report is something that has to be
- 2 requested from FDR because it reports on every account
- 3 that's actively reporting on the system.
 - Q. I believe I understood that from Mr. Giuliani's
 - testimony this morning. Maybe I didn't word my
- 6 question very well.
- 7 I guess instead of referring to that
- 8 field, I mean the information that's in that field.
- 9 And Mr. Giuliani I'll represent to you testified this
- 10 morning that that position 4 in a non-mon 146
- transaction ACS employees can change. 11
- 12 A. Okay.
 - Q. Do you have any reason to doubt that?
- 14 A. I don't have a reason to doubt that. ACS
- 15 employees may be able to change that field in a
- 16 non-mon, but it is not a field that is viewed on the
- 17 FDR screens when reviewing the account.
 - Q. So it's not a screen that's reviewed when
- 19 you're checking to see if changes were made correctly?
 - A. That's correct.
- 21 O. Why not?
- 22 A. Because that is not a field or a flag that
- 23 would be set during normal procedures. This was set
- 24 inadvertently and I'm not sure what that

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- 1 agree that CCB and ACS don't look at this flag field?
- 2 A. In the monitoring of the screens that we
- 3 utilize on FDR, we would not have seen this flag.
- 4 Q. Do I understand correctly that an ACS employee
- 5 can by starting a non-mon 146 transaction but not
- going through with it view the deceased flag field? 6
- 7 A. Are you asking if the ACS employee can start a
- 8 non-mon transaction and view this field?
- 9 Q. Yes.

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- 10 A. Okay. I'm not aware that they would proceed
- 11 that way. That's not the procedures to set a deceased
- 12 status on an account.
- 13 Q. That wasn't my question actually.
 - My question is: Can ACS employees view that field?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. Can an ACS employee change that field?
- 18 A. I don't know. I don't know what their profiles
- 19 would allow.
- 20 Q. But when monitoring to see if changes were made
- 21 correctly, CCB/ACS doesn't look at that field. Is
- 22 that correct?
- A. We do not look at that field because we don't 23
- look at the dump report on a regular basis. The

- 1 representative was trying to do. But procedurally if
- 2 an individual is going to report an account deceased,
- 3 they would set an external status of I and that would
- 4 be reflected on the BS screen and procedurally that is
- 5 the process to follow and that's what we would review.
 - Q. I guess that leaves me a little bit confused
- 7 because it seems to me like if you knew the employee
- 8 followed the procedure, there wouldn't be any need to
 - conduct a review.

Isn't the point of the review to find out

- 11 if the procedure wasn't followed?
- 12 A. The point of the review is to try to find
- 13 errors that may have occurred if the procedure was not
- 14 followed.
- 15 Q. But the review would not detect if an error was
- 16 made in the deceased field?
- 17 A. It would detect it if the external status was
- 18 incorrect.
- 19 Q. If the internal and external statuses were
- 20 correct but the deceased flag field was incorrectly
- 21 changed, the reviewer would never detect that?
- 22 A. This particular field would never normally
- 23 occur in the normal processes. This occurred in an
 - error that I believe was probably attempting to do

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- 1 something else. There wouldn't be a non-mon to change
- 2 the status to deceased in the process that we
- 3 currently have.

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- 4 Q. And the review wouldn't detect that error is my 5 question?
 - A. No, it would not because this is not something
- 7 that we use and it was inadvertently set. We didn't
- 8 know that this would cause that reporting since it's
- 9 not something that we use in our procedures.
- 10 Q. Do you know why that field was called a 11 deceased flag?
- 12 A. No. I mean obviously it sets a deceased flag.
- 13 but it's not something that we would have known at
- 14 that time because it appears that it's a
- 15 subtransaction and within a non-mon it wasn't utilized
- 16 in that area.
- 17 Q. Do you know if FDR ever conducted any sort of
- 18 audit to make sure that the changes ACS employees have
- 19 attempted to make is reflected in what FDR reports to
- 20 the credit bureaus?
- 21 A. I don't know that.
- 22 Q. I believe you testified that ordinarily ACS
- 23 doesn't look at a dump report like this. Is that
- 24 correct?

- e 1 regulatory agencies.
 - 2 Q. Is that all?
 - 3 A. No. They may handle some legal disputes as
 - 4 well.

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- 5 Q. How do you define a legal dispute?
 - A. That's not my area, so I don't know how they
- 7 define what gets forwarded to that area.
 - Q. At any rate, any time a dispute is escalated
- 9 ACS can request FDR to generate one of these reports.
- 10 Is that correct?
- 11 A. ACS can request FDR to generate one of these
- 12 reports, but I wouldn't use the terminology any time
- 13 we have an escalated dispute. It could be a dispute
- 14 that the cause is determined that has nothing to do
- 15 with this.
- 16 Q. What criteria are used for deciding whether ACS
- 17 will request FDR to generate such a report?
 - A. If the information can't be found on the
- 19 screens that we're reviewing on FDR and it's an
- 20 ongoing dispute, then we would request this report as
- 21 another tool to try and find out where the error is
- 22 occurring.
- 23 Q. Are you familiar with the term ACDV?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 O. What's the point of it then?
- 3 A. The point of it would be if there is an issue
- 4 and it becomes escalated and we have to request a dump
- 5 report from FDR. This is not a report that could be
- 6 reviewed on a regular basis due to the sheer size of
- 7 the report. It's over a million records.
- 8 Q. What does it take for a dispute to become
- 9 escalated?

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- 10 A. It could be a dispute coming from our executive
- 11 correspondence area that handles escalated disputes or
- 12 it could be a dispute coming from our legal area.
- 13 Q. So does it require a lawsuit before a report
- 14 like this would be generated?
 - MR. BRYCE: Objection to the form.
- 16 You can answer.
- 17 A. No, it does not require a lawsuit.
- 18 Q. You mentioned the executive -- I'm sorry. Can
- 19 you fill in the rest of that for me? The executive
- 20 something department?
- 21 A. Executive correspondence.
- 22 Q. Executive correspondence. What does that
- 23 department handle?
- 24 A. That department handles disputes that come from

- Q. What do you understand an ACDV to be?
- 2 A. An ACDV is an automated consumer dispute
- 3 verification.
- 4 Q. And what is that? What is your understanding
- 5 of what that is?
- 6 A. That is a dispute from a consumer that has gone
- 7 to the bureau and then the bureau has forwarded that
- 8 information for verification that the information is
- 9 correct or a correction from us, the data furnisher.
- 10 Q. Now, who is the data furnisher? FDR or ACS?
- 11 A. We would respond to those. In that case it
- 12 would be Cross Country Bank.
- 13 Q. Does the ACDV's ever go to FDR?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Even though FDR is actually supplying the
- 16 information?
- 17 A. FDR houses their account activity with us. If
- 18 we have something reported incorrectly on a history,
- 19 it's from an account with Cross Country Bank.
- 20 Q. But FDR is the entity that actually transmits
- 21 the information to the credit bureau?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Can I have you take a look, please, at the
 - 4 McKenna deposition exhibits, specifically Exhibit

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2 MR. BRYCE: Okay.

- A. And do you see the line 42 where it says association code?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Are you able to interpret that line?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Do you recognize this document?
 - A. This is the first time that I'm looking at this particular document.

From reading from the headers, it appears that the consumer has two claims and the subscriber has two responses.

- 14 Q. Okay. Do you recognize this as an ACDV?
- A. This form itself? No. 15
 - Q. You will see on the second line from the top
- you have auto ACDV response activity report? 17
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Does that identify this as an ACDV to you? 19
- A. According to this title. I just haven't seen 20
- 21 an actual printout of this before.
- Q. In this specific case do you know when the 22
- dispute became sufficiently escalated first at FDR to 23
- 24 generate the dump report?

Page 26 1 dump report sooner, right?

- 2 A. Operationally there wouldn't have been a reason
- 3 to have FDR generate a dump report due to a response
- to a consumer dispute. Like I said, we get 15,000
- responses on E-Oscar alone. We can't look through a 5
- 6 million records.
- 7 Q. I appreciate that testimony, but that wasn't 8 actually my question.

9 My question is: You could have requested

- 10 FDR to generate a dump report sooner, couldn't you? A. I would assume we could request a report from 11
- 12 our servicer as needed.
- 13 O. But you didn't request one before the fall of
- 14 2003. Isn't that correct?
- A. That's correct because I don't think we 15
- 16 realized that it continued to report incorrectly.
- 17 According to what we saw on the system, everything was
- set correctly and we had no way of knowing that an 18
- inadvertent flag could override what we were sending 19
- as updates to the bureau. So it wouldn't justify 20
- requesting a dump report from FDR at that time. 21
- 22 Q. What if the consumer called you and said, "I'm
- 23 not deceased," would that justify requesting a dump
 - report if you had previously tried to change it and

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- A. According to the documents that I reviewed in 1 2 preparation for this, it appears we asked for the dump
- 3 report late fall 2003.
 - O. Okay. I'll represent to you that Mr. McKenna testified that CCB/ACS had received multiple ACDV's from the credit bureaus prior to that disputing the deceased notation on the credit report.

And my question to you is: Why didn't ACS ask FDR to produce a dump report sooner?

- A. It's not unusual to receive multiple disputes. If we saw that it was incorrect and we looked at the system and the reporting codes on the system were correct and we responded again, we would have no reason to believe that information would not update correctly.
- Q. Except if you received another ACDV on the same dispute, right?

MR. BRYCE: Objection to the form.

- A. Again, if we received another ACDV and it was a couple of months down the road, we would respond again, make sure the information on the FDR was correct and assume that it wouldn't remain on the account as we responded.
- Q. But you could have requested FDR to generate a

then the consumer said, "Hey, it's still showing

- deceased on my credit report"? 2
- 3 A. No, it wouldn't.
- 4 Q. Why not?
- 5 A. That could justify an AUD, which is us
- initiating an update to the bureau. And, again, if
- the information that was on FDR that we reviewed was 7
- 8 correct and did not have that external status of I to
- 9 report this individual as deceased, it would be our
- 10 assumption that we could send that AUD to the bureaus
- 11 and the information would report correctly.
- 12 Q. How does ACS/CCB make sure that the information 13
- was subsequently reported correctly after CCB/ACS sent 14 an AUD?
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- A. Again, that could be picked up in our monthly 16 auditing of consumer disputes and AUD's that we 17 process.
- 18 O. But on any individual account there's no check to make sure that, in fact, the subsequent information 19
- 20 has been reported correctly. Is that correct?
- 21 A. There's not a 100 percent check. The volume
- 22 prohibits that.
- 23 Again, this report that you referenced in
- this exhibit, I think it has Deposition No. 20, 24

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- 1 looking at it, it says experience auto ACDV response
- 2 activity report. If you look here at the ECOA code,
- 3 it has number 2, which means joint.
 - Q. I'm sorry. Where are you talking about? Which exhibit?
 - A. I'm looking at the last exhibit that you had me review.
 - MR. BRYCE: No. 20, McKenna 20.
 - Q. No. 20 of the McKenna deposition. Say what you said again, please.
 - A. Again, if this report that is titled ACDV
- 12 response activity report, if you look at line number
- 13 5, ECOA 2, that equals joint account. And our
- 14 response in line number 22 is verified as reported.
- 15 Q. Okay. You understand line number 5 to be what
- 16 the credit bureau is reporting or what the consumer
- 17 states the credit bureau should be reporting?
- 18 A. I understand it to be what the consumer states
- 19 the credit bureau should be reporting and, again, the
- 20 response code says verified as reported, which is in
- 21 agreement with that.
- 22 Q. So are you testifying that when ACS or CCB said
- 23 verified as reported that means that the way the
- 24 consumer is requesting the account should be reported

- 1 bureau?
- 2 A. I can't answer that.
- 3 Q. Well, when you communicate to the credit bureau
- and they verify as reported, you expect them to put on
- 5 the credit report what the consumer says it should be?
- 6 A. If we're in agreement with the consumer, we
- 7 would respond.
 - Q. If you're in agreement with the consumer you
- 9 would respond what?
- 10 A. Verified as reported. If the consumer has a
- 11 dispute and something is wrong on their system, then
- 12 we would make that correction.
- 13 Q. Don't you want to be sure that the credit
- 14 bureau has the same understanding of verified as
- 15 reported as you do?
- 16 A. I'm sure there is the same understanding for
- 17 the process, yes.
- 18 Q. But you're sure that the credit bureau
- 19 understands that verified as reported means reported
- 20 the way the consumer wants it to be reported?
- 21 A. In this case there was no dispute. What the
- 22 consumer wanted reported and what we had on the FDR
- 23 system that we were reviewing was the same, so that
 - would mean we would send it back verified as reported

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- A. Yes.
- 3 Q. So verified as reported means that the credit
- 4 bureau should change it from what they have been
- 5 reporting to what the consumer states should be
- 6 reported?
- 7 A. Verified as reported means that the consumer,
- 8 it should report as the consumer states, that we are
- 9 agreeing with that.
- 10 Q. That you're agreeing with what the consumer 11 states?
- A. That in this case that ECOA 2 we're agreeing
- 13 with that.
- 14 Q. And, again, it is your understanding that ECOA
- 15 2 is what the consumer wants it to state?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And you're agreeing with that?
- 18 A. It says verified as reported.
- 19 Q. On what do you base your understanding of what
- 20 verified as reported means?
- 21 A. Verified as reported means that we agree with
- 22 the consumer, we agree with this reporting that's on
- 23 this form.
- 24 Q. That would verify as reported to the credit

- 1 and we wouldn't make any changes.
- 2 Q. Please take a look at line number 6, please.
- 3 A. Line number 6?
- 4 Q. Yes.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. What does that line mean to you?
- 7 A. It means consumer says this account is being
- 8 reported incorrectly; they are not deceased.
- 9 Q. So what is the credit bureau trying to attempt
- 10 to communicate to CCB on that line?
- 11 A. On this one it's to make sure that the
- 12 reporting for the account is correct. And on our
- 13 system we didn't have the internal status I that said
- 14 that they were deceased, so we would be in agreement
- 15 that it wasn't ECOA of 2, which is joint, and we would
- 16 respond verified as reported because on that screen
- 17 that's what was reporting.
- 18 Q. I will have you take a look, please, at McKenna 19 depo Exhibit 14. In particular, the first page of
- 20 that document.

Do you recognize this document?

- 22 A. This would be the unverified automated consumer
- 23 dispute verification,

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Q. I see that it says that. Do you know it to be

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- that or are you just reading from it? 1
- A. The first time I've seen this document again 2
- 3 was on Tuesday.
- 4 Q. Have you ever seen a document in this format
- 5 before?
- A. No. 6
- 7 Q. How about on the next page, do you recognize
- 8 this document?
- 9 A. I recognize it from looking at it two days ago.
- 10 Q. But you never have seen this document before
- 11 two days ago?
- 12 A. This actual printout of the report document?
- 13 No.
- Q. Have you seen this format of a document before? 14
- 15 A. No.
- Q. Do you see on here where it says ECOA? Let me 16
- see if I can direct you to it. It's about two-thirds 17
- of the way down and two-thirds of the way across the 18
- 19 page from left to the right.
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. The box below says X and the box below that 21
- 22 says 1.
- 23 Do you know what those three boxes mean?
- 24 A. I see them. Did you ask anything else?

- Q. They supplied them to CCB?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And have you taken that on-line tutorial?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Have employees in your department taken that
- on-line tutorial? 6
- 7 A. I'm not sure. I know they have the written
- 8 documents.
- 9 Q. Why haven't you taken that on-line tutorial?
- A. Because I don't actually process the disputes 10
- on-line myself as a user. That process is done by ACS 11
- and we monitor that through our audit sampling to make 12
- 13 sure that they're answered correctly.
- Q. But if you haven't taken the tutorial, how do 14
- you know if the forms are being completed correctly? 15
 - A. How do I know if the forms are being completed
- 17 correctly?

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- Q. Yes. 18
- 19 A. I review the error rates according to the
- 20 audit, the monthly audit responses.
- 21 Q. How do you determine the error rate if you
- 22 don't know, if you haven't taken the tutorial to
- understand the process? 23
- A. Because I'm not the one that is actually 24

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- Q. Do you know what those three boxes mean? 1
- 2 A. Okay. ECOA, X and 1?
- 3 Q. Yes.
- A. ECOA is Equal Credit Opportunity Act. X would 4
- mean deceased under that particular coding. And I 5
- 6 don't know what the 1 is.
- Q. Do you see on this form where the box verified 7
- as reported is checked? 8
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you know why this form would have verified
- as reported checked while having an X underneath the 11
- 12 ECOA box?
- 13 A. No. Because I don't know who checked that box.
- At the top it says returns dispute 2 Trans Union, so I 14
- 15 don't know if it came in that way or if that was our
- 16
- 17 Q. Do the credit bureaus give CCB/ACS any
- instruction on how to complete the forms that are used 18
- 19 to communicate between the two?
- 20 A. Instructions reside on an on-line tutorial on
- 21 E-Oscar and when they brought the Oscar system up they
- 22 supplied some material in hard copy.
- 23 Q. "They supplied" meaning the credit bureaus did?
- 24 A. Yes.

- processing the review of this. The individual that 1
- does the actual audits is familiar with the process,
- may have even taken the tutorial, but they were 3
- involved in the training for E-Oscar and have the hard 4 5
 - copy documents.
- Q. Okay. But you are testifying today on behalf 6
- 7 of CCB and ACS on topic 7 through 12 of the deposition
- notice. Is that correct? 8
 - A. That's correct.
 - Q. Can you turn back to Deposition Exhibit 20?

I'll represent to you that representatives 11 of the credit bureaus have said that stating verified 12 as reported was the wrong thing for ACS/CCB to do if 13

- 14 it wanted the deceased code removed. Would you
- 15 dispute that?
- A. Well, here the ECOA code says joint. And I'm 16
- not sure who produced this document. I don't know if 17 this was produced by one of the bureaus. 18

MR. BRYCE: I'll note that the Bates

number indicates it was produced by the bureaus.

MR. GOOLSBY: I will confirm that.

- 22 A. Okay. If that's the case, if the bureau is
- 23 producing a document that says ECOA 2 and we're agreeing with that, I don't see how that would be

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- incorrect for us. 1
- 2 Q. A moment ago I believe you testified that X
- stands for deceased. Is that correct? 3
- 4 A. Yes. I said that X stands for deceased if it
- 5 is the ECOA code. In this case the ECOA says 2.
- 6 Q. This document says consumer states ECOA 2,
- 7 right?
- 8 A. Yes. But I don't see any other ECOA code here
- 9 with any different setting.
- 10 Q. Do you know what the association code in line
- 11 42 is?
- 12 A. I said I didn't know the association code. I
- 13 read the titles at the top regarding responses and
- 14 claims.
- Q. How about the payment status in line 31, do you 15
- know what that refers to? 16
- 17 A. On this particular form? I've never seen this
- form before. It's blank under response. It's blank 18
- under claims. And then on profile it has 21, 19
- 20 deceased, so no.
- 21 Q. Some time ago you testified about AUD. What's
- 22 an AUD?
- 23 A. Automated universal dispute.
- 24 Q. Are you familiar with the term UDF?

- actually two separate documents. 1
- 2 A. Okav.
- 3 Q. When did ACS/CCB start using the AUD format?
 - A. I think we started using E-Oscar in 2002.
- 5 Q. So AUD came in with E-Oscar?
- A. Yes. 6
- Q. I will have you take a look at Exhibit D again, 7
- the first page. Do you see at the top left where it
- 9 says "E-Oscar Web - Reports"?
- 10 A. Mm-hmm.
 - Q. Then it says, "Universal Data Form"?
- A. Yes. 12
- 13 Q. Can you explain why it says universal data form
- 14 if the E-Oscar system is the AUD system?
- A. Well, the AUD is a response that we -- it's a 15
 - correction that we initiate and the universal data
- 17 form would be an electronic response back to a
- bureau-initiated dispute. 18
- 19 O. What's the difference between UDF and ACDV?
- 20 A. ACDV's also come from the bureau. And I can't
- explain that difference, unless one was in paper and 21
- 22 one was in electronic form.
- 23 Q. Does CCB/ACS create the forms that we see for
- 24 the UDF in Exhibit D?

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- A. Universal data form. 1
- 2 Q. Are those the same things?
- A. I believe the UDF was the paper format that was 3
- utilized prior to the AUD and the Oscar system. 4
- Q. I'm sorry. Prior to the what? 5
- A. The E-Oscar system and the AUD form. 6
- 7 Q. Now I want you to take a look at the deposition
- 8 notice Exhibit D.
- 9 A. I have the form.
- 10 Q. This is actually two pages. Do you recognize
- 11 either of these pages?
- 12 A. Again, from the documents that I reviewed on
- 13 Tuesday.
- 14 Q. You saw the document for the first time on
- 15 Tuesday?

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- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. No one at CCB/ACS can testify any more about 17
- 18 these documents than you can?
- 19 A. There may be somebody that could testify about
- the documents itself more than me. This document I
- don't believe is utilized anymore because we utilize 21
- 22 the AUD. This looks like a paper response, a hard
- 23 copy response if you look at page 1 and 2.
 - Q. Well, I'll represent to you that that's

- A. No, we don't create the form. 1
 - Q. Who creates those forms?
- 3 A. That form would be part of E-Oscar.
- 4 Q. And before E-Oscar was implemented?
- 5 A. Before E-Oscar was implemented -- I believe I
- was confusing my acronyms -- it was ACDV. And then 6
- after E-Oscar, the automated version of it is the UDF. 7
- And the UDF is a response to a bureau-initiated
- 9 dispute where the AUD is a correction that we are 10 making on behalf of our customers ourselves.
- 11 Q. I apologize, Ms. Cintron, if I repeat some
- 12 questions here. Some of the questions I asked this
- morning to Mr. Giuliani and I can't remember if some 13
- of these questions were what I asked him or you 14
- earlier today, so bear with me if I'm a little bit 15
- 16 redundant and I apologize in advance.

17 We did talk about the CHD deceased flag B on the dump report, did we not?

- A. Yes, we talked about the dump reports. 19
- 20 Q. And we did talk about that specific field where
- 21 it says CHD deceased flag B?
- 22 A. I would have to go back to that exhibit. I
- 23 don't know that number. That's not a report I'm
- familiar with. 24

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Page 42 CHD, yes, we talked about that.

- 2 Q. To your knowledge, is there any field on the
- UDF's or ACDV's or, for that matter, AUD's to indicate 3
- 4 a change to the deceased flag B field?
- 5 A. The form, these forms would not be specific to
- our platform. So, no, the form would not have CHD 6
- deceased flag B on the form. 7
- Q. Now, when disputes come from the credit bureaus 8 do they go to CCB or ACS?
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- A. I believe they go directly to ACS. 10
- Q. If I represent to you that the credit bureaus 11
- testified that at least some ACDV's went to CCB, would 12
- you disagree with that? 13
- 14 A. The mailing address could be CCB. But, again,
- in the past I'm not sure where they were being 15
- 16 processed, but right now we have a division in Applied
- Card Systems that processes them. 17

So, no, I would not dispute that as a statement overall.

- Q. You said, you referred to the mailing address 20
- 21 that the disputes for the credit bureaus went to in
- 22 the past.

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- A. Right, in the past before E-Oscar. 23
- 24 Q. Now on E-Oscar they're all electronic?

- and we have a correction, we will do an AUD. Most 1
- 2 likely if this is coming through and they're talking
- about a dispute verification request or a universal 3
- 4 data form, it's coming from the bureau. We're not
- 5 going to ignore a customer dispute either.
 - Q. I'm sorry? I beg your pardon?
- 7 A. If it comes in through customer service, again
- it's going to get forwarded to the same unit, which is 8
- credit investigations. 9
- Q. I see it says credit investigations down on the 10
- lower left here. 11
- 12 A. Mm-hmm.
- Q. And that's a department within ACS? 13
- A. Yes. 14
- Q. Is that part of account services? 15
- 16 A. It's part of, yeah, it's part of the same
- department. This unit works credit investigations, 17
- but it's part of the account servicing department with 18
- 19 ACS, yes.

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20 MR. GOOLSBY: Perhaps we can take a

five-minute break. Is that okay? 21

MR. BRYCE: Sure. Of course. 22

MR. GOOLSBY: Let's come back in five.

(A brief recess was taken.)

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- A. On E-Oscar we get electronic disputes. They 1
- 2 may still get some mail disputes as well. And I
- 3 believe as normal processing Applied Card Systems
- 4 handles those disputes.
- 5 Q. But it is part of your job to audit to make
- sure whether the disputes are processed correctly. Is 6
- 7 that correct?
- 8 A. It's part of the job within my department, yes.
- 9 Q. I ask you to turn to Exhibit 2, please. When
- you're ready, please tell me if you recognize this 10
- 11 exhibit.
- 12 A. Yes, I've seen this before.
- Q. What is this, please? 13
- A. This is a procedure for resolution of consumer 14
- 15 disputes.
- Q. When you say a consumer dispute, you mean one 16
- that comes directly from the consumer or one that's 17
- 18 forwarded from one of the credit bureaus?
- 19 A. This says consumer disputes, so this doesn't
- 20 reference directly where it's coming from.
- Q. So is it your testimony that the procedures 21
- 22 described herein apply to disputes wherever they come
- 23
- 24 A. If a customer has a dispute directly with us

- BY MR. GOOLSBY: 1
- 2 Q. Ms. Cintron, tell me again please when CCB
- 3 started using E-Oscar.
- 4 A. I believe it was in 2002.
- Q. On this Exhibit 2 do you see down in the bottom 5
- 6 right-hand corner where it says, "Revised January 9,
- 7 2003"?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. So this would be after the E-Oscar system was
- 10 in place. Is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes. I believe E-Oscar was in place then.
 - Q. I want to direct you to the middle section
- where it says Policy, the paragraph that begins after 13
- 14 the bullet.
 - A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Do you see the third sentence where it says,
- "The credit reporting agencies are contacted using a 17
- 18 UDF"?

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- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Do you see where I am reading?
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- 22 Q. Then it says, "The UDF can be automated or
- 23 physically mailed/faxed to the credit reporting
- 24 agency"?

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1 A. Yes.

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- 2 Q. Is that true?
- 3 A. It could have been true then because there
- 4 could be a time when they would accept both mail as
- 5 well as electronic. We still receive some requests by
- 6 mail that we can respond to by mail, but the request
- 7 that we receive electronically we respond to
- 8 electronically.
 - Now, I don't know the time frames when the
- 10 bureau told us that if we receive it electronically we
- 11 have to respond electronically or they would no longer
- 12 accept it. But I know there was an overlap and,
- 13 again, we still do receive some requests by mail that
- 14 we can respond to by mail.
- 15 Q. Okay. You say those are requests from the
- 16 credit bureau?
- 17 A. This particular procedure would cover requests
- 18 from the credit bureau as well as requests from
- 19 consumers.
- 20 Q. So if you receive a request from a consumer by
- 21 mail, you're going to send it by mail to the credit
- 22 bureau?
- 23 A. If we receive a request from a consumer by
- 24 mail, then we would go ahead and process an AUD

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 1 A. In the Introduction paragraph where do you see

 2 UDF?
- 3 Q. I'm sorry. I'm not talking about the
- 4 Introduction paragraph. In the Policy section, the
- 5 paragraph after the bullet, the third sentence.
- A. "The credit reporting agencies are contacted using a UDF" form, correct.
 - Q. Okay. So, then, is this instruction only for
 - disputes that are received from the credit bureaus?
- 10 A. If a customer has a dispute with a credit 11 bureau and the credit bureau is initiating the
- 12 correction, then we use the IJDF.
- 13 If we're going to make a change on the
- 14 consumer account, we can use an AUD. Basically, the
- 15 same result occurs in either case, universal data form
- 16 or an automated or an AUD. It updates all three
- 17 bureaus.
- 18 Q. Is it universal data form or universal date
- 19 form?

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- 20 A. Data -- or date. I'm sorry. This has date.
- 21 Q. So which is it?
- 22 A. It's data. That's a typo.
 - Q. Okay.
- 24 A. On this one particular reference under Policy

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- 1 procedurally now. You were asking me specifically
- 2 about the bureau's procedures.
- 3 Q. And the AUD you're testifying is the electronic
- 4 version?
- 5 A. The AUD is if we are initiating the change.
- 6 We're not responding to a bureau request. We're
- 7 initiating a change on behalf of the consumer.
- 8 Q. Okay. And an UDF is where, it's your testimony
- 9 that the UDF is where disputes come from the credit
- 10 bureau?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Then I'm confused because on this Exhibit 2 you
- 13 testified this procedure applies to disputes both from
- 14 the credit bureau and directly from consumers.
- 15 A. This procedure covers disputes that are
- 16 received from credit bureaus or the customer. If you
- 17 look at the Introduction at the top, it says, "The
- 18 requests that are completed by the Credit
- 19 Investigations Unit are received from the Customer via
- 20 mail, or from the credit bureau via mail. Customer
- 21 Service and Customer Service Specialty Associates."
- 22 Q. Okay. And then the next paragraph it talks
- 23 about UDF or the next section I should say talks about
- 24 UDF.

- 1 there should be an A on the end.
 - Q. If this Exhibit 2 covers both disputes that
- 3 comes to ACS from the credit bureaus and disputes that
- 4 come to ACS directly from the customer, why do I only
- 5 see a reference to UDF and not to AUD?
- 6 A. It would be the UDF form that's utilized now on
- 7 E-Oscar, and I can't answer the difference of the
- 8 specifics for that.
- 9 Q. You don't know why this document doesn't
- 10 reference AUD?
- 11 A. No. I don't know why they don't have it
- 12 incorporated into one procedure.
- 13 Q. On the first page of this document it says,
- 14 "adjustments must be made to FDR." That's in the
- 15 Policy section, that same paragraph that we were
- 16 talking about.

Do you see that?

A. Yes.

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- 19 Q. Is that true whether it's a dispute from a
- 20 bureau or a dispute from the customer?
- 21 A. "Any necessary changes or adjustments must be
- 22 made to FDR," that is true. If a change is required
- 23 and a correction is required on the account, it has to
- 24 be corrected on FDR.

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- 1 Q. And does that apply even when it's not a UDF
- 2 circumstance?
- 3 A. Yes. That would apply any time there needed to
- 4 be a change or an adjustment because the information
- 5 was incorrect. It would have to be corrected on FDR.
 - Q. Would you agree that's a little bit confusing
- 7 when this paragraph is only talking about UDF?
- 8 A. No.

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- 9 Q. In the paragraph that's talking about UDF it
- 10 says, "adjustments must be made to FDR." You don't
- 11 think that's confusing that it doesn't say you also
- 12 have to make adjustments to FDR in an AUD
- 13 circumstance?
- 14 A. In that paragraph it refers to both. You have
- 15 to make changes or adjustments to FDR, which is a
- 16 platform, and then, again, it says that "The credit
- 17 reporting agencies are contacted using a UDF with the
- 18 correct reporting information."
- 19 Q. Where does it refer to AUD?
- 20 A. We already established this particular document
- 21 doesn't refer to AUD.
- 22 Q. But you do have to make the adjustment to FDR
- 23 even in an AUD circumstance, don't you?
- 24 A. If there was an AUD process and something

- Q. It's the fourth little arrow there.
- 2 A. Mm-hmm.
- 3 Q. "Make all necessary adjustments to FDR." Do
- 4 you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
 - Q. My question is: Do you know what level of
- 7 access the credit investigations associate has to FDR?
- 8 A. No
- 9 Q. Do they have complete access to FDR as far as
- 10 you know?
- 11 A. I don't know their individual profiles with
- 12 their access, no.
- 13 Q. But this is done in conjunction with sending
- 14 UDF's to the credit bureaus, right?
- 15 A. Yes. The information that's referenced in this
- 16 procedure is information that's updated by the credit
- 17 investigations unit, so they do have that access to
- 18 FDR.
- 19 Q. And it's part of your job to make sure that
- 20 they make the necessary adjustments in FDR, correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. On the next page do you see step 9 where it
- 23 says, "Access the FDR system"?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 needed to be changed then, again, it would have to be
- 2 made on FDR, yes.
- 3 Q. But this document doesn't say anything about an
- 4 AUD process?
- 5 A. Because this document references the UDF and if
- 6 we send the UDF to the bureaus to change information,
- 7 we're also stating that the information has to be
- 8 changed on FDR, so they would both be corrected. One
- 9 would go to the bureau; one would be on the platform.
- 10 Q. Turn to page 41, please. By "page 41," I'm
- 11 referring to the Bates stamp where it says ACS-A00041.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. Then about two-thirds of the way down do you
- 14 see it says, "Once the requests have been forwarded to
- 15 the Credit Investigations Unit, the Credit
- 16 Investigations Associates will complete the
- 17 following"?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And within that it appears that the credit
- 20 investigations associate is supposed to make changes
- 21 to the FDR.
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 A. Can you let me know what section? Are you
- 24 referring to bullet four?

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- 1 Q. Then it refers to a number of screens, the BS,
 - the CPH, the CSS and the CDA in the subsequent
- 3 numbers?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And the CIS screen? Do you see that in 10
- 6 through 13?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And those are all FDR screens that the
- 9 associates have access to?
- 10 A. Yes.

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- 11 Q. Will you turn to page 43, please?
- Now, a moment ago I understood you to
- testify that the UDF's are the disputes that come from

A. Yes. UDF's can come from the credit bureau.

- 14 the credit bureaus. Did I understand that correctly?
- 16 Q. They can or they do?
- 17 A. They do. The universal data form is a form
- 18 that the credit bureaus have out on E-Oscar.
- 19 Q. And I understood you to testify that the UDF is
- 20 the form that the credit bureaus use to communicate
- 21 disputes to CCB. Is that correct?
- 22 A. (Pause).
- 23 Q. I'm sorry?
- 24 A. I'm just reviewing the documents.

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1 I know the UDF is our communication with

- 2 the credit bureau. I don't know if the actual initial
- 3 dispute that we get comes on a form called UDF or when
- 4 it comes in through the E-Oscar database if it's
- 5 called UDF, but I know that universal data form is our
- 6 response to the bureaus. We're working with the
- 7 bureau to update the information.
- 8 Q. That's your response to a dispute that comes
- 9 from the bureau?
- 10 A. Yes. We would send them a UDF.
- 11 O. In response to a dispute that they sent you?
- 12 A. In response to a dispute that they sent us,
- 13 yes.
- 14 Q. Now I want to direct you on this page 43 about
- 15 two-thirds of the way down it says, "Common Scenarios
- 16 Regarding UDF's."
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. "The following scenarios are common occurrences
- 19 and/or requests made by Customers in reference to
- 20 their credit reports (UDF requests)."
- 21 A. Mm-hmm.
- 22 Q. I'm confused. I thought you said a UDF was a
- 23 dispute that came from the credit bureau, not from the
- 24 customer.

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- 1 Q. So is it your testimony that an ACDV comes from 2 a credit bureau and a UDF is used to respond to that?
- 3 A. (Pause).
- 4 Q. Sorry. I didn't hear the answer.
- 5 A. I didn't answer you yet.
 - Q. Is that your understanding?
- 7 A. That's my understanding.
 - Q. I ask you to turn to page 45, please.
 - About two-thirds of the way down do you
- 10 see where it says, "check truncation errors"?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you know what a check truncation error is?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. What is it, please?
- 15 A. A check truncation error could mean that a
- 16 payment that we submitted via ACH had incorrect
- 17 numbers on it.
- 18 Q. Does that have anything to do with, can that
- 19 have anything to do with a deceased status on a credit
- 20 report?
- 21 A. I don't believe so.
- 22 MR. GOOLSBY: I want to have marked as the
- 23 next exhibit the one thing we didn't mark this
 - morning. I think we're up to Exhibit 10.

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- 1 A. We could respond if the dispute comes directly
- 2 from the credit bureau, but also in the introduction I
- 3 said that the disputes can also come from the customer
- 4 via mail. They can come from the credit bureau or
- 5 they can come from the customer service unit via phone
- 6 call.
- 7 Q. Okay. But I thought you said the AUD is used
- 8 when the dispute comes from the customer.
- 9 A. An AUD is us updating the bureau. We haven't
- 10 received -- it doesn't necessarily mean we received a
- dispute from the bureau. We're making a correction.
- 12 A UDF can be used if it comes from the bureau or if it
- 13 comes from the customer or if it comes from the
- 14 customer via phone or if it comes from the bureau.
- 15 Q. What did you say ACDV's were again?
- 16 A. They are automated consumer dispute
- 17 verifications.
- 18 Q. I understand what the acronym is for. But what
- 19 are they?
- 20 A. They are consumer disputes.
- 21 Q. Directly from the consumers or from the credit
- 22 bureaus?
- 23 A. I believe they're from the credit bureaus on
- 24 the Oscar system.

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I want to have pages 48 through 54 marked

2 as Exhibit 10, please.

3 (CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 10 was

4 marked for identification.)

5 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

- 6 Q. When you're ready, can you tell me whether you
- 7 recognize this Exhibit 10?
- 8 A. I don't think I've read through it. It looks
- 9 like a revision to the exhibit we just went through.
- 10 It looks like a more recent date.
 - Q. What makes you think it's more recent?
 - A. Well, because it has February 13th, 2002.
- 13 Okay. It's an older date. I'm sorry.
- 14 Q. I'll represent to you that based on my
- 15 comparison of these two documents it looks like
- 16 Exhibit 2 is the newer version. I'm wondering if you
- 17 know why on Exhibit 2 at the bottom it says, "Account
- 18 Services Policies and Procedures" but on Exhibit 10 it
- 19 says, "Credit Investigations Policies And Procedures"?

Do you know why that is?

- 21 A. My assumption would be that account services --22 credit investigations is part of account services.
- 23 Q. But you don't know that?
- 24 A. I don't know that.

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- Q. Okay. Looking back at 10 at the top, near the 1 2 the top it says, "Chapter Three." Do you know what it
- 3 is chapter three of?
- A. No. Not from 2002, no. 4
- Q. Looking back to Exhibit 2, can you turn to page 5 6 47, please?

Under Step 2 in the box do you see where it says, "This is an ACDV request"?

9 A. Yes.

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- 10 Q. Do you understand why it is referencing ACDV in that box? 11
- A. It's instructing them to memo the account in 12
- 13 this manner. And the ACDV stands for automated
- consumer dispute verification. 14
- Q. Why is it necessary to memo the account to show 15
- that it was an ACDV request? 16
- 17 A. Because if it came through as an ACDV request
- on E-Oscar and that memo is on the account, one of the 18
- reasons could be when we do an audit on our monthly
- audit we know how the request was received. 20
- Q. Okay. I don't see a reference to an ACDV 21
- request on any other kind of change that's talked 22
- 23 about in this document. Do you know why that would
- 24 be?

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- Q. Do you recognize this as an ACS policies and 1 2 procedures manual?
- 3 A. It says on the title "Applied Card Systems
- Policies & Procedures Manual," so yes. But, again, 4
- 5 this is the first time I'm looking through the
- 6 document.
- 7 O. Please turn to page 58.
- 8 A. Okav.
- Q. I want to direct your attention to the last 9
- paragraph on that page and I believe it's the fourth 10
- 11 sentence that says, "The Credit Reporting Agencies are 12

contacted using an ACDV form." Do you see where I am? 13

- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. I thought you said the credit reporting
- agencies were contacted with a UDF form? 16
- A. There have been UDF form responses. And if the 17
- 18 title on this particular system is ACDV, again to
- respond back to the bureaus that could be. 19
- O. So when is a UDF form used to communicate to 20
- 21 the bureaus as opposed to an ACDV form?
- A. As opposed to the two? 22
 - Q. Yes.

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24 A. I don't know. I would have to look at that.

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Would that make it harder for you to audit?
- A. We would like to know where the request comes 3
- 4 from. So, yeah, it could make it harder for us to
- 5 audit, to find the original dispute if we don't know
- where it originated from, yes. 6
- Q. The last whole underlined section on page 47 7
- 8 where it refers to "the ACDV group," what is the ACDV
- 9 group?
- 10 A. I don't know if they have a specific group that
- 11 works these disputes versus other disputes.
- 12 Q. Did you play any role in drafting any of ACS's
- policies and procedures manual? 13
- A. I did not have any role in drafting these
- manuals from 2002 and 2003 because I arrived in credit 15
- risk in 2004. 16

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- Q. Okay. Are you aware of any subsequent 17
- 18 revisions to these manuals? 19
 - A. Other than what's in process right now, no.
- 20 Q. Okay. Let's take a look, please, at Exhibit 4.
 - When you're ready, please let me know if
- 22 you have seen this document.
- 23 A. I've seen the title page as being included in
- the exhibits, but I have not read through it. 24

- It may be depending on how the request comes in.
 - Q. Okay. But you are prepared to testify today
- about all AUDF's or UDF's sent by CCB or ACS to credit 3
- 4 reporting agencies, correct?
- 5 A. Yes. I'm prepared to testify about the systems
- and, again, the communications and audits of the 6
- information, yes. 7
- Q. But you don't know when a UDF would be sent as 8
- 9 opposed to an ACDV?
- 10 A. I don't key the actual production. I don't key
- the actual forms. So, no, I don't know when they 11
 - would use a UDF versus an ACDV.

An ACDV is when they pull the request from that system and they respond on that. And I would have to -- I don't know the difference between when we

16 would use one and when we would use the other.

- 17 Q. Would you turn to page 59, please?
- A. Okay. 18
- 19 Q. The last arrow where it says, "In the comment
- section, a valid reason must be given as to why any 20
- 21 action has been taken and/or not taken (Verified As
- 22 Reported VAR)," do you see where I am?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Is it your understanding that that says that

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- verified as reported is what you do when an action is
- 2 not taken or is taken?
- 3 A. I would have to compare this to the form.
- Q. Which form? 4
- 5 A. Well, for example, if you look at the UDF form
- 6 it has Special Comments/Removals and it gives "Removal
- 7 of deceased status."
- 8 O. Where are you looking?
- A. I'm looking at Exhibit D, page 2. Again, this 9
- 10 is in 2002.
- O. "Special Comments/Remarks, Removal of deceased 11
- 12 status"?
- 13 A. Yes. And that's a valid reason given as to why
- action has been taken or not taken. It doesn't have 14
- 15 VAR specific right there.
- Q. When would you use the VAR? 16
- A. In trying to interpret these procedures from 17
- two years ago and the way that this reads right here, 18
- 19 I can't answer that.
- Q. Would you agree with me then that that sentence 20
- in the credit investigations policies and procedures 21
- 22 manual is confusing?
- 23 A. I would agree looking back on it two years
- 24 later.

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- especially at this time, that there could possibly be any other flags set that wasn't reflected on the
- 2 3 system that would have any effect on these
- 4 corrections.

So, no, we would not pull, we would not request from FDR this dump report an an additional 6

- 8 Q. If the credit bureau is telling CCB/ACS that
- 9 the deceased notation is still being reported by
- CCB/ACS, wouldn't that be a circumstance where ACS 10
- would want to check and, in fact, see what FDR was 11
- 12 reporting?
- A. Yes. And ACS did check to see. The credit 13
- 14 bureau was saying it was being reported as deceased.
- ACS processed updated information to correct that and 15
- forwarded it back to the bureau. 16
- Q. But it didn't look at the dump report, right? 17
 - A. No. They would not look at the dump report.
- Q. Even on a subsequent notification from the 19
- credit bureau that the item was still being reported 20 21 as deceased?
- 22 MR. BRYCE: Objection to the form.
- 23 Go ahead and answer.
- 24 A. When you're referring to page 67 and these

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- MR. BRYCE: Objection to the form.
- A. Just looking at page 59 without the form, I
- 3 can't give you an answer on that.
- 4 Q. I beg your pardon?
- 5 A. I said I can't give you an answer on that just
- looking at this bullet without having the form for 6
- 7 procedures that are two years old.
- 8 Q. Let me ask you to turn, please, to page 67.
- 9 I'll direct you to the first paragraph that's in
- 10 italics where it says, "Note."
 - Do you see where I am?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. In that sentence it says, "some additional
- 14 steps may need to be taken to decision the dispute
- 15 correctly."
 - Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Can such additional steps include making a 18
- 19 request to the FDR development department to print one
- 20 of these, to have FDR print one of these dump reports?
- A. That wouldn't be included in this normal scope 21
- 22 of answering a dispute.
- 23 Q. I'm sorry. Did you say it would or wouldn't?
 - A. Would not. We would have no reason to believe,

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- policies, it's not saying subsequent. We received
- 2 information that it was being reported as deceased.
- We checked the system. We sent a request to the 3
- 4 bureau to report it as joint.
- 5 Q. Well, when it says depending on the dispute, is
- 6 the fact that you received multiple disputes of the
- 7 same information on the same account make this a
- 8 dispute where some additional steps might need to be
- 9 taken?

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- MR. BRYCE: Objection to the form.
- 11 A. Again, we're looking at this document from
- 12 2002. I don't know the timing of when the disputes
- came in. The disputes came in, were processed, the 13
- information was sent back to the credit bureau to 14
- report it as a joint account. We wouldn't believe 15
- 16 that there would be any additional steps that would
- 17 have to be taken for this account.
- Q. Why not if you kept getting the same disputes? 18 19 MR. BRYCE: Objection. Asked and answered
 - the third or fourth time.
 - Answer it again.
 - A. It's not the same dispute. It's a dispute that comes in on a different date. And, again, they would
 - look at the system, they would see the system setting

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was correct, so then they would respond back to the bureau on what the bureau should report.

Q. But if in the next monthly report CCB is still reporting it wrong and the credit bureau tells CCB that, wouldn't CCB want to take some additional steps then?

MR. BRYCE: Objection. Lacks foundation. Assumes facts not in evidence. And, again, you're going over the same thing three or four times.

MR. GOOLSBY: Well, I don't know that I have gotten a clear answer. I keep getting the same answer, but it's not really the answer to my question.

It's when there are multiple sequential disputes of the same information, of the same information on the credit report that CCB/ACS keeps telling the credit bureau to change but the credit bureau keeps coming back with the same dispute.

Is that a dispute where some additional steps may need to be taken?

MR. BRYCE: Look, John, that's your argument to the arbitrator, frankly. What you're doing now is arguing with this witness. She's told you what she thinks. You're free to argue about whether it's right or wrong, but an attempt to

1 A. Okay. I have it.

2 Q. This is Chapter Two, Procedures For

3 Transmitting From The Automatic Data Verification

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5 What's the automatic data verification

6 system? 7

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A. That is how we respond back to the bureaus. I

8 don't know if this is prior to E-Oscar or not.

Q. On page 79 are you familiar with the condition

10 codes listed there?

A. This is the first time I'm looking at them. 11

12 Q. I'm sorry. I didn't hear the answer.

13 A. I said I'm looking at them right now.

14 Q. And are you familiar with them?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 6, please. Have

17 you seen this exhibit before?

18 A. No. I know it was included in the deposition

19 documents as exhibits, but I haven't read through it.

20 Q. Can you turn to page 82, please?

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. The first paragraph refers to a change that's

23 apparently going to occur during the fourth quarter

2000. So I understand that that paragraph was written

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- 1 browbeat her into agreeing with you is just patently
- improper. She's given you her answer. 2
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- 4 Q. I guess what my question is is: It says
- 5 depending on the dispute. Well, what about the
- dispute does it depend on? 6
 - A. I believe in the reference that you're making
- 8 on these procedures it outlines depending on the
- 9 dispute the different types below, which is Not
- 10 His/Hers, Possible Credit Clinic Disputes, Disputes
- 11 Current Balance. Obviously, disputes of current
- 12 balances are going to have some additional steps.
- 13 That associate is going to have to review the payment
- history on the account. That would count as an 14
- additional step. 15
- 16 Q. That paragraph says below you see some of the
- 17 additional steps. So are there other additional steps
- 18 that could be taken besides those listed?
- 19 A. Depending on the type of dispute, yes. If it's
- 20 a dispute that says not his/hers, additional steps
- 21 would be to pull the original credit application.
- Each different type of dispute can have additional 22
- 23 steps to resolve it.
 - Q. Let's take a look at Exhibit No. 5, please.

before the fourth quarter 2000.

Would you agree with that?

A. Well, according to this document, it says

4 fourth quarter of 2000 and the revision date was

5 February 15th, 2002.

6 Q. That was going to be my next question. I don't

7 understand how the paragraph could be talking about

8 the fourth quarter of 2000 being in the future when

9 it's a February 15th, 2002 revision.

Can you explain that?

11 A. I can't explain that,

Q. You have never seen this document before --

13 A. No.

14 Q. -- prior to this deposition?

15 A. No.

16 Q. How about Exhibit 7? When you're ready, please

17 tell me if you have seen this before.

18 A. I think it was included as part of the exhibits

from the deposition that I reviewed but, no, I have 19

20 not read this either.

21 Q. Can you turn to page 98, please?

22 Do you recognize this form?

23 A. It says this is a universal data request form.

24 Q. I see what it says. My question is: Do you Page 70

- 1 recognize it or are you seeing this for the first 2 time?
- 3 A. I'm seeing this for the first time, this page
- 4 for the first time. Again, as I mentioned earlier,
- 5 the first UDF form copy that I saw was on Tuesday
- 6 reviewing documents.
- 7 Q. How about Exhibit 8, have you ever seen that 8 document before?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. How about page 21 of Exhibit 8, which again
- 11 says Universal Data Form at the top of it, do you
- 12 recognize that format?
- 13 A. It appears to be the UDF format but a blank
- 14 copy.
- 15 Q. My question is though do you recognize it
- 16 except for preparing for this deposition?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. McKenna Deposition Exhibit 14, I believe we
- 19 talked about the first two pages. I ask you to look
- 20 at the third and fourth and fifth pages.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do you recognize those pages except in
- 23 preparing for this deposition?
- 24 A. No. I only recognize them from preparing for

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 A. We would have a subscriber code for the credit
- A. We would have a subscriber code for the credit bureau terminal that's set up in human resources. We
- 3 would have a subscriber code for a credit bureau
- 4 terminal that could be set up in our department for
- 5 audits. We would have a subscriber code for back end
- $6\,$ $\,$ bureaus that we pull as part of the acquisition
- 7 process.
- 8 Q. So you have different subscriber codes for each
- 9 terminal that you report to the credit bureau through?
- 10 A. Yes. Yes, we can. Because some billing would
- 11 then be charged to Applied Card Systems and some
- 12 billing would be charged to Cross Country Bank.
- 13 Q. Was it Cross Country Bank's and ACS's decision
- 14 to have multiple subscriber codes or was that the
- 15 credit bureaus' decision to assign multiple subscriber
- 16 codes?
- 17 A. I would assume that was made at either ACS or
- 18 CBB for billing purposes to make it easier for us to
- 19 recognize the charges and where they were originated
- 20 from and the business unit that's responsible for
- 21 those charges.
- 22 Q. Does FDR have a subscriber code?
- 23 A. I don't know.
- 24 Q. Can you tell from the dump reports you looked

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- 1 this deposition.
- 2 Q. Do you recognize those formats?
- 3 A. I recognize them as looking at them from
- 4 Tuesday in preparation for this, yes. I recognize the
- 5 format.
- 6 Q. Do you use UDF in the normal course of your
- 7 job?
- 8 A. No, not in my normal course of my job.
- 9 Q. So your only experience with UDF is in
- $10\,\,$ preparing for this deposition? Do I understand
- 11 correctly?
- 12 A. With the UDF form itself, yes.
- 13 Q. On the third page of McKenna depo 14 can you
- 14 explain why it says subscriber code?
- 15 A. A subscriber code would be our code with the
- 16 bureau. We have multiple subscriber codes.
- 17 Q. How many subscriber codes do you have?
- 18 A. I don't know how many we have. I know we have
- 19 multiple subscriber codes.
- 20 Q. Do the bureaus know you have multiple
- 21 subscriber codes?
- 22 A. Yes, they do. That's how they do their
- 23 billing.
- 24 Q. Why do you have multiple subscriber codes?

- 1 at which subscriber code was used to make the report
- 2 to the credit bureaus?
- 3 A. I don't know that I would be able to recognize
- 4 a subscriber code on the dump report.
- 5 Q. I beg your pardon?
- 6 A. I said I don't think I would be able to
- 7 recognize a subscriber code on the dump report. I
- 8 believe FDR reports multiple clients to the bureaus at
- 9 the same time they're reporting. Our work is included
- 10 with multiple other clients to the bureaus.
- 11 Q. By FDR you mean?
- 12 A. Yes.

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- 13 Q. Multiple other clients of FDR?
 - A. Yes. I don't believe they break out our work
- 15 and transmit our work alone. I think it's
- 16 consolidated with other clients that are transmitting
- 17 to the bureaus.
- 18 O. McKenna Depo Exhibit 14 on the third page, the
- 19 universal data form, what prompted CCB/ACS to send the
- 20 universal data form?
- 21 A. I can assume it was due to a bureau dispute.
- 22 Q. But you don't know?
- 23 A. We wouldn't respond if there wasn't a dispute
- 24 so, yes, it was in response to a consumer dispute.

19 (Pages 70 to 73)

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Page 76 Page 74 MR. GOOLSBY: I don't think I have any 1 O. When was that dispute? 1 2 A. The response was 12-12-02. more questions for you, Ms. Cintron. Thank you very 3 much for your testimony. 3 Q. When did CCB receive the dispute from the 4 4 I do want to state on the record that bureau? 5 besides what I already stated that there may be other A. I can't answer that with the information that's 5 6 topics here that appear we haven't had a witness 6 in front of me. produced that's knowledgeable to testify, including 7 Q. You don't have any other knowledge about why all of the references to FDR and the policies and 8 8 this UDF was sent? 9 procedures manual. So I just want to state on the 9 A. You asked me about a particular UDF that's dated 12-12-02. That's all the information that I 10 record the option to continue this deposition subject 10 to production of somebody who can testify about all of 11 11 have in front of me. the documents that we have got here. Q. Well, I'm asking you if you have any 12 12 MR. BRYCE: I understand that's your 13 information besides what's in front of you? 13 position, and let's just say we agree to disagree. 14 A. No. 14 MR. GOOLSBY: That's fair, Marty. We can 15 15 MR. GOOLSBY: Marty, I'm going to have to discuss off the record the need to continue. 16 16 object that the person that's been produced is not prepared to testify about the UDF's as stated in the 17 MR. BRYCE: Sure. 17 18 MR. GOOLSBY: I just want to put that on deposition notice. 18 the record. Other than that, I have nothing further. 19 19 MR. BRYCE: Well, John --MR. BRYCE: I understand. Okay. So I 20 20 MR. GOOLSBY: So I'll have to reserve the guess we're done. 21 right to ask additional questions upon production of a 21 MR. GOOLSBY: I guess we're done. Thank witness who is prepared to testify about those UDF's 22 22 as noticed in No. 8. 23 you very much. 23 24 MR. BRYCE: Look, you can certainly 24 MR. BRYCE: Thank you, John. Page 75 Page 77 (Deposition concluded at 4:30 p.m.) proceed as you see fit. I mean, let me state for the 1 record that in setting these depositions up I had at 2 INDEX 2 3 3 least two different conversations with Tommy Lyons and DEPONENT: CHRISTINE A. CINTRON PAGE 4 4 I never understood these depositions as being directed Examination by Mr. Goolsby 3 to the very same UDF forms that Mr. McKenna was 5 EXHIBITS 5 CCB/ACS DEPOSITION EXHIBIT MARKED 6 already deposed about. 6 7 7 What Tommy had told me on day one that he 10 57 8 was after with respect to this second round of 8 ERRATA SHEET/DEPONENT'S SIGNATURE **PAGE 78** depositions was information vis-a-vis FDR. And this 9 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER PAGE 79 9 apparently has morphed into something more than that 10 10 11 that I didn't understand. But we can talk and we can 11 figure out what we can figure out. 12 12 MR. GOOLSBY: Okay. It may not be 13 13 necessary for us to take any further depositions, but 14 14 I just want to put on the record that -- well, I 15 15 16 already put it on the record. 16 17 MR. BRYCE: Yes. I understand. 17 18 MR. GOOLSBY: Subject to review of my 18 notes, that may be all I have. Can we take five again 19 19 20 and I will see if my notes remind me of anything else 20 I need to ask? 21 21 22 MR. BRYCE: Sure, 22 23 MR. GOOLSBY: Okay. Thank you. 23 (A brief recess was taken.) 24 24

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APPLIED CARD SYSTEMS, INC.

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Page 2 Q. Kauffman? 1 MICHAEL J. GIULIANI, 1 2 the deponent herein, having first been 2 A. Klusman. duly sworn on oath, was examined and 3 Q. Okay. Do you know the spelling of Kauffman? 3 A. I'm sorry? I couldn't understand you. 4 testified as follows: 4 5 Q. How do you spell Kauffman? 5 **EXAMINATION** 6 BY MR. GOOLSBY: 6 A. It was Klusman. K-l-u-s-m-a-n. O. Okay. So you understand the basic ground rules Q. Mr. Giuliani, my name is John Goolsby and I'm 7 7 of the deposition, I'm going to be asking you some of the attorney representing the claimants in this 8 8 9 arbitration matter, Russell and Penny Anderson. 9 the fact questions. And if you don't understand me, please let me know and I'll try to restate the Can you please give for the record your 10 10 question in a way that's meaningful to you. full name? 11 11 And if you need a break, please let me 12 12 A. Michael James Giuliani. know. Sometimes I get carried away and I forget about 13 Q. Would you spell your last name, please? 13 taking breaks, so please let me know if you need a A. Sure. G-i-u-l-i-a-n-i. 14 14 break. But the one thing I will ask you is to not ask 15 Q. And let me ask you this: Do you have with you 15 for a break while a question is pending and to answer 16 today the deposition notice with its exhibits? 16 the question before asking for a break. MR. BRYCE: I have a copy of that, yes. 17 17 MR. GOOLSBY: Okay. And do we also have a 18 A. Okay. 18 Q. Is there any reason you can't give complete and copy of all of the documents that you sent us earlier 19 19 20 truthful answers today? this week, Marty? 20 A. No. 21 MR. BRYCE: Yes. 21 22 Q. Who is your employer? 22 MR. GOOLSBY: And McKenna's depo? A. Applied Card Systems of Pennsylvania. 23 23 MR. BRYCE: I have my copy of the McKenna 24 depo with its exhibits, yes. 24 Page 3

MR, GOOLSBY: Okay. Great.

bring any other documents with you today?

Q. Can I get your home address, please?

Q. Mr. Giuliani, besides those documents, did you

A. Sure. 1806 North Lincoln street, Wilmington,

Q. Have you ever had your deposition taken before?

O. How many times have you had your deposition

Q. Was that in a case related to the Fair Credit

Q. Do you know the name of that case?

Q. What's the name of that case, please?

A. I believe it was the Klusman case.

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Q. How many times?

A. Can you repeat the question?

A. Last Monday and Tuesday.

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Reporting Act?

A. Yes.

A. I'm not sure.

A. Oh, one time.

Q. When was that?

O. Do you also work for Cross Country Bank? Page 5 1 A. No. Q. When did you start with ACS? 2 3 A. November 1995. 4 Q. What is your current job title? 5 A. Vice president of application development. O. How long have you held that position? 6 7 A. About fifteen months. 8 Q. What was your job before that? A. I was vice president, immediately prior to that 9 I was vice president of FDR development. 10 Q. Vice president of FDR development? 11 A. Correct. 12 13 Q. FDR stands for? 14 A. First Data Resources. Q. Okay. How long did you hold that job? 15 A. For approximately two years. 16

Q. What were you before that?

A. I was a credit analyst.

with ACS in 1995?

development?

A. I was vice president in risk management.

Q. Can you briefly describe your job duties in

your current job as vice president of application

Q. Okay. What was your job when you first came on

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Page 6 A. What I am responsible for is the programing and development team at ACS, so all of our internal applications that we build and I'm responsible for that.

In addition, I'm responsible for FDR development as well, which basically means all of the settings and controls related to the FDR system.

- Q. Okay. I take it as vice president of FDR development, your previous position, you also had some
- 10 responsibility for overseeing the FDR system?
- 11 A. Correct.

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- 12 Q. And did you have any responsibility related to
- FDR when you were vice president of risk management? 13
- 14 A. I had one aspect of that system. It's called
- 15 the adaptive control system.
- 16 Q. I'm sorry? What system?
- 17 A. Adaptive.
- 18 Q. Now, you referred to an FDR system. Is FDR a
- 19 system or a company or both?
- 20 A. I think that's just the way we refer to it.
- Actually, First Data Resources is a company and they 21
- have a system which we use to process our, do a lot of 22
- 23 the core processing for our credit cards. So it's
- 24 also a company, but we also call it the system, the

- 1 (CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was
 - 2 marked for identification.)
 - 3 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
 - 4 Q. Mr. Giuliani, I would like you to take a look 5 at the deposition notice. Have you ever seen this
 - 6 document before?
 - 7 A. Yes.

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- Q. When was the first time you saw it?
- A. Tuesday this week. 9
 - Q. I understand that you've been designated as the person to testify about the technical elements.

12 And are you prepared to testify about the 13 technical elements, the topics designated in this 14 notice?

- 15 A. I'm prepared to speak to some of the items on 16 the list.
- 17 Q. Okay. Which items are you not prepared to 18 speak to?
- 19 A. I'm prepared not -- I guess I shouldn't say not 20 prepared. I'm not the person to speak to about 5, 7,
- 21 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
- 22 Q. And that would be Christine Cintron who would 23 be prepared to speak about those as far as you know?
 - MR. BRYCE: Yes. That is correct.

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- 1 FDR system.
- 2 Q. Does FDR perform its functions for other
- 3 companies besides CCB and ACS?
- A. Yes. 4
- 5 Q. Do you know how many companies?
- 6 A. I don't know how many, but they're considered
- 7 the leader in the industry. They process for many,
- 8 many large banks, Chase Manhattan, et cetera.
- Q. Is there any common ownership between FDR and 10 CCB/ACS?
- A. No. 11

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- 12 Q. Does CCB/ACS have a contract with FDR?
- A. Cross Country Bank has a contract with FDR. 13

14 MR. GOOLSBY: Marty, I don't think that contract has been produced to us. Is that something 15 that you can produce to us? 16

MR. BRYCE: I'll take a look at that and get back to you. I'm not sure whether it's relevant or not, but I'll certainly take a look and get back to you on that.

MR. GOOLSBY: Thank you.

22 I would like to have marked as Exhibit 1 23 the deposition notice with all of its exhibits. Let's

24 call it CCB/ACS 1.

- 1 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
 - Q. Besides looking at this deposition notice, did
- 3 you do anything else to prepare for today's
- 4 deposition?
- 5 A. I met with counsel.
- 6 Q. Did you review the documents that were attached
- 7 to the deposition notice?
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 - Q. Did you review any other documents?
- 10 A. I read Ed McKenna's transcript.
- 11 Q. I take it then that you looked at the exhibits
- 12 to that deposition as well?
- 13 A. Yes.
 - Q. Did you review any other documents?
- 15 A. I went to the FDR manual to do some additional
- 16 research on what you reference as the obscure flag or
 - McKenna referenced the obscure flag.

18 MR. GOOLSBY: And, Marty, is the FDR

19 manual something that's been produced to us?

20 MR. BRYCE: I don't believe so. And I

21 will also look into that.

MR. GOOLSBY: Thank you.

23 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

24 Q. Mr. Giuliani, did you review any other

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1 documents?

- 2 A. Some of the, I guess some of the other
- 3 exhibits. I think there was some -- I briefly looked
- 4 at some cardholder statements. I think that was about
- 5 it.
- 6 Q. Okay. Do you know Ed McKenna?
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- 8 Q. Do you work with him regularly?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. From reading his deposition, are you aware of
- 11 anything that was inaccurate about his testimony?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Do you have any reason to doubt the accuracy of
- his testimony? 14
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Okay. I would like you then to please look at
- what is Exhibit B to the deposition notice. It's also 17
- 18 marked as Exhibit No. 25 in the McKenna depo.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. Do you recognize this package of documents?
- A. Yes, I do. 21
- 22 Q. What do you call these?
- 23 A. A credit bureau account dump.
- 24 Q. And are these documents part of the FDR system?

- 1 screen that you could look at that would look
 - 2 essentially like, for example, this first page?
 - 3 A. As far as I know, no. This report, in order to
 - 4 get this report you have to make a specific request to
 - 5 FDR to produce it.
 - 6 Q. When you say you have to, can anyone at CCB or
 - 7 ACS make that request?
 - 8 A. No. We have a specific team of people that are
 - 9 authorized to work with FDR.
 - 10 Q. What is that team called?
 - A. The FDR development department.
 - 12 Q. So if someone in the FDR development
 - 13 department -- let me back up a step. 14

The FDR development department is a

- 15 department of CCB or ACS?
 - A. ACS.
- 17 Q. And did somebody in the FDR development
- 18 department ask FDR to produce this report on or about
- 19 October 8th, 2003?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Presumably this information that's in this
- 22 report existed in some form prior to October 8, 2003.
- 23 Is that correct?
- 24 A. Correct.

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- 1 A. This document or this report was produced via
- 2 FDR, yes.

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- 3 Q. Okay. When was this report generated? That
- 4 might be a little ambiguous. Let me rephrase that. 5

This is a hard copy that we have. When was the hard copy generated?

- 7 A. I guess there's two dates. I'm confused with
- 8 the question.
- 9 Q. This series of -- I don't know how many pages
- it is -- 30 or so pages, when were they generated in a 10
- hard copy format? 11
- A. The run date indicates October 8th, 2003. 12
- 13 Q. Okay. And did they exist in electronic form
- 14 before that?
- A. I don't believe so. 15
- Q. So this information was compiled on 10-8-03 and 16
- 17 never existed in this format in an electronic form
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- A. When you say, "in this format," you're saying 19
- this same report in electronic format? Is that what 20
- 21 vou mean?
- 22 Q. That's what I mean.
- 23 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 24 Q. So prior to October 8th, 2003 there was no

- 1 Q. Was that in an electronic or hard copy format?
- 2 A. The information would be housed in the FDR
- 3 system.
- 4 Q. That's a computer system?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. So was the information in this report that was
- housed in the FDR system available to CCB/ACS prior to 7
- October 8th, 2003?
- 9 A. Are you asking -- I guess can you rephrase
- 10 that?

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- 11 Q. Sure. That was perhaps a little ambiguous.
- 12 Let me back up a step.
- 13 So, in general, does CCB/ACS have to make
- 14 a request through the FDR development department to
- FDR to get information from FDR? 15
 - A. In general, yes.
 - Q. So would the information in this report have
- 18 been available to ACS employees without making a
- request to FDR through the FDR development department? 19
- 20 MR. BRYCE: Let me just object to the
- 21 form, John, because I think the word "information" is
- 22 awful broad because, for instance, I think the
- 23 Andersons' address might appear on the first page of
- Exhibit B and obviously I think we would all admit or

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1 accept that CCB and ACS also knew the Andersons'
2 address.

3 So I don't know if -- maybe you want to 4 narrow the question some.

MR. GOOLSBY: Let me put it this way.

6 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

- Q. Was the entirety of the information in this report available, even if not organized as we see it
- 9 here, was it available to ACS employees without making
- 10 a request to FDR through the FDR development
- 11 department?
- 12 A. I don't believe all of the report would be
- 13 available.

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- 14 Q. Well, some of the report, some of the
- 15 information in this report was only available by
- 16 making a request through the FDR development
- 17 department. Is that correct?
- 18 A. I believe so.
- 19 Q. Are you familiar with the term ACDV?
- 20 A. I'm familiar with the term. It's not my area
- 21 of expertise.
- 22 Q. What do you understand an ACDV to be?
- 23 A. It's the -- it's information related to the
- 24 credit bureau.

Page 16 regularly. I would think that it has happened in the

2 past.

Q. Okay. I want to ask you some specifics about
the information that's contained in this report. Bear
with me one moment, please.

Okay. Do I understand correctly that FDR creates this, FDR created this report that we're looking at?

- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And FDR created the format that this report is
- 11 in?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. I want to direct you to the middle column, not
- 14 quite halfway down. Do you see where it says CHD
- 15 deceased flag B?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Can you interpret that line, please?
- 18 A. That is a flag that can have certain values
- 19 that indicate whether the cardholder is deceased or
- 20 not.
- 21 Q. What does B indicate?
- 22 A. B indicates both the primary and the secondary
- 23 cardholder are deceased.
- 24 Q. Why is the field called the deceased flag

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- 1 Q. Is there an ACDV department in ACS?
 - A, No.
- 3 Q. Are there people whose role it is to process
- 4 ACDV's?

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- 5 A. Can you just clarify what you consider to be
- 6 the ACDV just to make sure I'm talking about the same
- 7 thing?
- 8 Q. ACDV I'll represent to you stands for automated
- 9 consumer dispute verification and I'll represent to
- 10 you that it's a communication that comes from a credit
- 11 bureau to investigate a dispute that the credit bureau
- 12 has received from a consumer.
- What I am ultimately trying to get at is
- 14 are the people who handle the ACDV part of the FDR
- 15 development department?
- 16 A. They are not.
- 17 Q. Can the people who process the ACDV make a
- 18 request to the FDR development department?
- 19 A. To do what?
- 20 Q. To obtain the information that is in this
- 21 report, either in this format or any other format.
- 22 A. Yes, they could.
- 23 Q. Does that happen regularly?
 - A. I don't know. I don't know that it happens

- 1 field?
- A. I'm not sure.
- 3 Q. Does CHD stand for cardholder?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Who set the CHD deceased flag to B?
- A. A customer service representative.
- 7 O. At ACS?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. How do you know that?
- 10 A. There's a, there's a, I guess a history of
- 11 non-monetary transactions on the account and from that
- 12 you can determine that it was done by an individual at
- 13 ACS.
- 14 O. I have seen a reference in some of the
- 15 documents that have been produced to non-mon. Is that
- 16 what you're talking about? Does that stand for
- 17 non-monetary?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And is that history of non-mon transactions
- 20 something that can be printed out?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do you know when this B flag was set?
- 23 A. Approximately May 21st, I believe, I think it
- 4 was May 21st, 1999.

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MR. GOOLSBY: Marty, have those non-mon history transactions been produced to us?

MR. BRYCE: They should have been because I believe we produced everything concerning the Andersons to you and their accounts.

MR. GOOLSBY: Okay.

MR. BRYCE: I will double-check that, but sitting here now I think they should have been produced, yes.

MR. GOOLSBY: Okay. Thank you.

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- Q. How did the ACS employees set the B flag?
- A. I'm not sure exactly how they did it, but the 13 end result is they submitted a non-monetary 14
- transaction and I would think erroneously put a B in 15 that field. 16
 - Q. Is that field used for anything else?
 - That specific -- let me clarify.

There's a transaction that can be done that affects nine to ten settings on an account. This particular field, which is a subset of those ten, only controls the deceased flag.

Q. Okay. So let me see if I understand you 23 24 correctly.

employee does that affects nine to ten pieces of 1

- information. That's why I need to rephrase it because
- they are not all fields on this report. 3
 - A. Right.
 - Q. What is it that the ACS employee does that
- 5 affects those nine to ten pieces of information? 6
 - A. I'm not sure what this person was trying to do or, in general, what these fields, these other fields
- are used for internally. 9
 - Q. Well, my question is you said that there's something an ACS employee can do that will affect nine to ten pieces of information. Is that correct?
- A. Correct. 13
- Q. What is it that the ACS employee does that 14
- affects the nine to ten pieces of information? 15
- A. There's a non-monetary transaction, in this 16
- case it's called a non-mon 146. I'm going to the 17 specifics of the transaction. 18
- Q. You're referring to the non-mon history report? 19
- A. No. No. This is actually a transaction. This 20
- is a transaction that allows you to change the values 21
- within these individual fields. 22
- Q. So my question is: Are you looking at a 23
- specific record in this case as this transaction was 24

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There's something that an ACS employee can 1 do that will affect nine or ten of the fields that we 2 see on this report. Is that correct? 3

- A. They're not necessarily on this report. 4
- O. Okay. They're not on the report at the time 5
- but when they make, when they do whatever it is that 6
- they do, it affects the information that we see in 7
- nine or ten fields on this report. Do I understand 8
- 9 that correctly?
- A. No. No. The other nine or ten fields may have 10
- nothing to do with the credit bureau report. 11
- Q. I see. So all of nine or ten are reflected in 12
- what we are looking at? 13
- A. Correct. 14

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- Q. Okay. Are any of the other nine to ten
- reflected on this report? 16
- 17 A. I'm not sure.
- Q. What is it the ACS employee does with respect 18
- to the nine to ten fields? 19
- 20 A. I'm not sure of the exact -- can you rephrase that? Sorry.
- 21
- 22 Q. What is it that -- well, I'm not sure I can
- 23 rephrase it.
 - You said that there's something an ACS

done? 1

- A. I'm not sure what you mean by "specific 2
- 3 record."
- Q. Well, when you say 146, a non-mon 146, are you 4
- saying that's in general what causes these nine to ten 5
- pieces of information to change or are you saying that 6
- in this specific case that's what happened? 7
- A. No. The non-mon 146 is used to change specific 8
- information on the account record. There's ten fields 9
- that can be changed via the non-mon 146. Each of them 10
- is like, each of them is an individual position. 11
- For instance, non-mon 146 position 1 is an 12
- address indicator: Is the address on the account 13
- valid or not? Position 2 is something else. Position 14
- 15 4 is the deceased flag.
- Q. Okay. 16
- A. So if somebody entered a non-mon 146 position 17
- 4, the value they entered there would change the 18
- deceased flag you're looking at on this report. 19
- Q. Okay. Is a non-mon 146 transaction the only 20
- way that the deceased flag can be changed to a B? 21
- 22 A. As far as I know, yes.
- 23 Q. So as far as you know, an employee can't change
- that individual field in isolation from all other 24

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- information? 1
- A. No. They can change it. When you submit the 2
- transaction, you can specify what position you're 3
- changing. So they would say non-mon 146 position 4 4
- and then they would put the new value. That would 5
- only affect the deceased flag. They wouldn't have to
- submit changes to the other fields. 7
- Q. I see. So when you do a non-mon 146 8
- transaction or when an ACS employee does a non-mon 146 9
- transaction, they have the option of changing any of 10
- the nine to ten positions covered by non-mon 146. Is 11
- 12 that correct?
- A. They can do that, but typically you would 13
- specify the one position that you wanted to change. 14
- Q. But typically it's used just to change one 15
- particular position? 16
- A. Correct. 17
- Q. Do you know in this case whether the non-mon 18
- 146 transaction that changed this position 4 to a B 19
- changed anything else? 20
- A. I don't believe so from what I saw. 21
- Q. The non-mon 146 transaction is a transaction 22
- that ACS employees do in the FDR system? 23
- A. Yes. 24

- it? 1
- A. But you don't change it? I'm not sure if 2
- there's, I'm not sure if there's a term for that. 3
- Q. Would it be fair to call it an aborted non-mon 4 5 146 transaction?
- A. No. I don't think so. Maybe a -- I wouldn't 6
- call it aborted. 7
- Q. A non-mon 146 transaction that was not 8 completed maybe? 9
- A. Right. Or you can just call it viewing the 10 11 screen.
- Q. Viewing the screen. Again, you don't know 12 specifically who at ACS has the ability to view the 13 14 screen?
- A. I do not. 15
 - Q. But some people at ACS definitely do?
- A. Yes. 17

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- Q. Do people at Cross Country Bank? 18
- A. I'm not sure if they have access to the screen. 19
- Q. Okay. I believe you testified you don't know 20
- specifically who set the deceased flag code to B. Is 21
- that right? 22
- A. Correct. 23
- Q. But you know it was an ACS I think you said 24

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- Q. Before doing a non-mon 146 transaction, for 1
- example, to change the deceased flag to B, does the 2 ACS employee see what the previous value in that 3
- position was? 4
- A. It depends how they enter the transaction. 5
- There's two different ways to change that field. One 6
- is called an unformatted transaction where you don't 7
 - see the value that's already there. You just enter
- the new value. 9

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The other one is what's called a formatted transaction and actually at that point you go to a

- 11 screen that displays this field along with other 12
- fields and you can see what it was and change it. 13
- Q. Can you see what it is and opt not to change it 14
- through the formatted transaction? 15
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. So an ACS employee can go and look at that 17
- field without changing it? 18
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that only people in the FDR development 20
- department that can do that? 21
- A. I'm not sure who has access to that screen. 22
- Q. What do you call that when you go and look at, 23
- for example, the deceased flag but you don't change 24

- customer service employee? 1
- 2 A. Correct.
- Q. Where are they located? 3
- A. We have customer service in the Boca Raton site 4
- and the Huntington site. I believe this was in
- Huntington, but I'm not sure.
 - Q. Why do you believe that?
- 7 A. There's a code, like a three-digit operator 8
- code on the account. I believe it started with an H 9
- and that typically means Huntington. 10
- Q. These reports that we have start in October 11
- 2001 as I read this. I see a reporting date of 12
- 13 October 2001.

Do I read that correctly?

15 A. Yes.

- Q. But you say that the position 4 was changed to 16
- a B on May 21st, 1999? 17
- A. Correct. 18
- Q. Is it possible to get the account dump dumped 19
- for the period between May 1999 and October 2001? 20
- A. I'm not sure. I believe there is a time frame 21
- that FDR can only go back so far. 22
- O. Okay. Again, looking at this first page I see 23
 - it says credit bureau reporting to Equifax. If I read

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- 1 this package of documents correctly, it appears that
- 2 at that time in October 2001 there was separate dumps
- 3 going to each of the three credit bureaus, but on a
- 4 subsequent date they were combined into all one. Do I
- 5 understand that correctly?
- 6 A. I don't believe so.
- 7 Q. Okay. Let me have you take a look at Exhibit C
- 8 to the deposition notice.
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 O. And compare that, compare the first page of
- 11 Exhibit B and C.
- 12 A. Okay. I see what you're saying.
- 13 Q. The first page of B says just Equifax while the
- 14 first page of C says Equifax, Trans Union and
- 15 Experian.
- And the question is: Why the difference?
- 17 A. I'm not sure. I would think that FDR made a
- 18 change to their report to reflect all of the same
- 19 information that was being sent to all three bureaus.
- 20 Q. That would be something that I would have to
- 21 ask somebody at FDR?
- 22 A. Or it's something that we could ask FDR.
- 23 Q. Okay. Referring back to the first page of
- 24 Exhibit B where it says cardholder key about four

- 1 bank, but I'm not certain.
- 2 O. Does all of the information contained in this
- 3 report go to the credit bureaus?
- 4 A. I believe so.
- 5 Q. You believe so but you don't know for certain?
 - A. I don't know for certain.
- 7 Q. Who would know for certain?
 - A. I would probably need to validate that with
- 9 FDR.

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- 10 Q. So your guess is the identification number
- 11 identifies Cross Country Bank?
- 12 A. Yes. For instance, the 2012 indicates it's a
- 13 MasterCard and that would be MasterCard would know or
- 14 they would know that that 2012 is owned by Cross
- 15 Country Bank and then 7090 is like a further
- 16 distinction.

So without knowing for sure, it seems like

- 18 that's used to identify Cross Country Bank.
- 19 Q. Are you familiar with the term subscriber code?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What does the term subscriber code mean to you?
- 22 A. From what I understand, it's another way to
- 23 identify the bank. The bureaus use it to identify the
- 24 bank.

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- 1 lines from the top, do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.

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- 3 Q. What does that refer to?
- 4 A. The account number.
 - Q. Why is it called cardholder key?
- 6 A. I'm not sure. I would think that's how they
- 7 identify -- that's the identifier of the record.
- O. Okav.
- 9 A. But it's the account number.
- 10 Q. All right. I'm going to ask you about a
- 11 handful of these specific fields.
 - In the base segment column about three
- 13 lines down do you see where it says correction
- 14 indicator?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. What does that field mean?
- 17 A. I don't know what that, I don't know what that
- 18 field means.
- 19 Q. How about identification number?
- 20 A. Identification number?
- 21 Q. Right below correction indicator.
- 22 A. Let's see. I recognize the numbers, some of
- 23 the numbers in that field, but I'm not sure exactly
- 24 the purpose. It probably is used to identify the

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 O. So this identification number the subscriber
- 2 code?

- 3 A. It may be. I'm not sure.
- 4 Q. Let me have you skip down to about eight or ten
- 5 lines from the bottom of that column where it says
- 6 ECOA code X. Do you know what that means?
 - A. I'm not certain.
- 8 Q. Do you have any idea?
- 9 A. I believe it's, I believe it indicates if this
- 10 is an individual, a joint account or something else,
- 11 but I'm not certain.
- 12 Q. Do you know what X stands for?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Moving to the cardholder data column, the first
- 15 line, CHD credit bur flag 2, can you interpret that?
- 16 A. Yes. That's a field on the FDR system that
- 17 indicates that it's a joint account.
- 18 Q. Okay. The next line, the spacing is different
- 19 but it says the same thing. Is that the same
- 20 information?
- 21 A. The spacing is different? Are you referring to
- 22 credit bureau flag 2?
- 23 Q. Yes.
- 24 A. I'm not sure of the difference between the

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- 1 first and the second flag.
- 2 Q. Skipping down to I believe it's the sixth line
- 3 of that column, CHD XREF account number and then a big
- 4 long number, what does that field mean?
- 5 A. That's just a way to identify if the customer
- 6 has a savings account or multran, what we call a
- 7 multran account with us.
- 8 Q. Multran?
- 9 A. Yes. It's, in essence, a savings account.
- 10 It's a way to that if the cardholder chooses to could
- 11 submit a secured, I guess submit a deposit on their
- 12 account.
- 13 Q. So this is reference to another account that
- 14 the same consumer has with Cross Country Bank?
- 15 A. It's actually just a -- I don't know if they
- 16 ever opened a savings account with us. This number is
- 17 just actually a placeholder. It's a number reserved
- 18 for them. If they chose or if they choose to submit a
- 19 deposit, we would open an account for them with that
- 20 number and that's where the deposit would go. If they
- 21 never submit a deposit, the account would never be
- 22 opened.
- 23 Q. But you can't tell from this if, in fact, they
- 24 submitted a deposit?

1 A. Yes.

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- 2 Q. What does that refer to?
- 3 A. That refers to when the information was sent to
- 4 the credit bureau.
- 5 Q. Can I ask you to look at within the same
- 6 exhibit the document that has a reporting date of
- 7 5-10-2002? There's actually several of them. I'll
- 8 ask you to turn to the first of them.
 - A. Is it the one that says Experian?
- 10 Q. Let's see. In the order of the pages that I
- 11 have, the first 5-10-2002 is Equifax. I actually
- 12 count six, I believe there are six pages that say
- 13 5-10-2002 on them. The first one I show as Equifax.
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. I'm sorry these pages weren't produced to us
- 16 with numbers on them, but that's the best way I know
- 17 how to identify that. Are you with me?
 - MR. BRYCE: And I think you said Equifax
- 19 is the first?
- 20 MR. GOOLSBY: That's what I have, yes.
- 21 MR. BRYCE: Okay. I think we have it.
- 22 That was the first Equifax.
 - MR. GOOLSBY: I show two for each credit
- 24 bureau on this date or for each of the three credit

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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. How about CHD new XREF No. 1 and then a bunch
- 3 of zeros, what does that mean?
- 4 A. That's just another field to show a related
- 5 account and there's nothing, there's nothing, there's
- 6 no account number in that field.
- 7 O. Then how about the next line, No. 2, what does
- 8 that mean?
- 9 A. This is the previous account number that the
- 10 cardholder had prior to I guess a lost or stolen
- 11 report being submitted.
- 12 Q. So that XREF No. 2 field is used for a lost or
- 13 stolen card?
- 14 A. Correct. That identifies the previous account
- 15 number that the cardholder had.
- 16 Q. And does the information in that field go to
- 17 the credit bureaus?
- 18 A. I believe so.
- 19 Q. FDR would know for certain?
- 20 A. Right, My belief is that everything on this
- 21 report goes to the bureau, but I'm not 100 percent on
- 22 that.
- 23 Q. Let me ask you up at the top do you see where
- 24 it says reporting date?

- 1 bureaus we're talking about anyway. I want to look at
- 3 THE WITNESS: I have it.

the first Equifax one of 5-10 of 2002.

- 4 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- 5 Q. Now I want to refer to the three XREF fields
- again. And here in the first one CHD XREF account.
- 7 number there's a different account number than we saw
- 8 back on the first page we looked at. Do you know why
- 9 that is?
- 10 A. Yes. We converted our MasterCard accounts to
- 11 Visa accounts.
- 12 O. And all MasterCards begin with a 5, right?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And all the Visas begin with a 4, right?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. But the cardholder key still begins with a 5,
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. So why do we have a MasterCard cardholder key
- 20 and a Visa cross-reference?
- 21 A. Because that was a way to demonstrate or for to
- 22 us realize that this customer had a MasterCard and
- 23 they now have a Visa.
- 24 Q. Okay. With respect to everything we talked

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about on that page with the exception of the fact that
it went to Equifax, it looks like the next two pages
are identical for Trans Union and Experian.

Would you agree with that?

- A. It appears that way. I haven't looked at it in detail, but yes.
- Q. Okay. Now going to the second Equifax report for that date, 5-10-2002, now the cardholder key we have a Visa number. Is that right?
- 10 A. Correct.

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- 11 Q. In the XREF field we have a different Visa 12 number?
- 13 A. Yes. That's the same thing that I indicated 14 before, that that is a placeholder if they ever choose
- 15 to make a deposit.
- 16 Q. And in the XREF No. 2 field we now have the
- 17 MasterCard number that used to be the cardholder key
- 18 number. Is that correct?
- 19 A. It is the MasterCard account. It's again
- 20 linking the new Visa account, which is now their
- 21 active account, with the account they had previously.
- 22 Q. Okay. And that is the same number, is it not,
- 23 that formerly was reported in the cardholder key
- 24 field, right?

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- data, and you look at the credit bureau flag of a D.
- 2 Q. Yes.
- 3 A. What that means is to remove -- I guess the
- information is going to the bureau, but it's saying to remove the information from the MasterCard account.
- 6 And then if you look at the Visa account key where the
- 7 credit bureau flag is set to a 2, it's saying this is
 - a joint account.
- 9 So, in essence, what was happening was LO since we replaced the MasterCard with the Visa, we are
- since we replaced the MasterCard with the Visa, wnow going to report the Visa, you know, the Visa
- 12 information is going to appear on the credit bureau
- 13 while the MasterCard information is not. So, in
- 14 essence, there's going to be one trade line.
- 15 Q. You're up to the three reports that have the D
- 16 in the credit bureau flag field?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. So do I understand your testimony correctly
- 19 that this report indicates to the credit bureaus that
- 20 you're changing the MasterCard to a Visa?
- 21 A. It does not indicate that. What it's
- 22 indicating is the account record that ends in 3912,
- 23 we're deleting that record from the bureau.
- 24 Q. That's what D stands for?

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- 1 A. Yes. Yes. All that is it's -- you know,
- 2 really in essence what happened is the person had a
- 3 MasterCard. They then had a Visa card, which is now
- 4 the card to use. And both of these pages are just,
- 5 you know, there's cross-reference fields. It's just
- 6 establishing that link between those two accounts.
 - O. And it's really all the same account, isn't it?
- 8 A. Yes. It became -- it's a different account
- 9 number, but it's the same, you know, the same
- 10 information, the same data. So, in essence, it's the
- 11 same account.

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- 12 Q. And as far as you know, all that information
- 13 went to credit bureaus?
- 14 A. On the Visa account, yes.15 On the MasterCard account
 - On the MasterCard account, it doesn't appear so.
 - Q. I'm not sure I understand what you're saying.
- 18 A. If you look at the credit bureau flag, if you
- 19 go back to that first Equifax report that we were
- 20 talking about --
- 21 Q. The 5-10-2002 or the very first one?
- 22 A. The 5-10-2002.
- 23 Q. Okay, Yes.
- 24 A. If you look at the middle column, cardholder

- 1 A. That's what D means. And then when you look at
- 2 the information for report 6736, that's saying report
- 3 that account number.
- 4 Q. And it's cross-referencing the old MasterCard
- 5 number?
- 6 A. Can you say that again?
- 7 O. And it's cross-referencing the old MasterCard
- 8 number?
- 9 A. Yes. And then the Visa account will have all
- 10 of the information that the MasterCard account had
- 11 previously so it -- you know, there's no reason to
- 12 report both trade lines because it's, in essence, as
- 13 we said, the same account. It's just a different
- 14 account number.
- 15 Q. Okay. Let me take you back to the very first
- 16 page then, the 10-10-2001.
- 17 A. Okay.

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- 18 Q. I want to take you in the middle column, the
- 19 cardholder data column, about a third way up from the
- 20 bottom do you see where it says CHD PREV EXT status C?
 - A. I think I lost you. Can you say that again?
- 22 O. PREV EXT status.
- 23 A. Oh, previous external status, yes.
- 24 Q. What does that line mean?

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- 1 A. This tells you what the external status was on 2 the account.
- 3 Q. What do you mean by "external status"?
- 4 A. External status is an indicator on FDR that
- 5 tells you I guess the current status or the status of
- 6 the account. A C means it is closed. A blank would
- 7 mean it is open. And then there's other values as
- 8 well.
- 9 Q. Are there any values for deceased?
- 10 A. Yes. We use an I.
- 11 O. And that field would show up as far as you know
- 12 as an I to the credit bureaus if you were reporting
- 13 deceased in that field?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Then almost every line in that column
- 16 has a CHD at the beginning of it. I want to direct
- 17 your attention to one that doesn't. About a quarter
- 18 of the way up, reason date YYMM.
 - Do you see where I am?
- 20 A. Yes.

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- 21 Q. What does that mean?
- 22 A. (Pause).
- 23 Q. I'm sorry. I didn't hear an answer.
- 24 A. Yeah. I'm thinking.

- on 1 the history on the account, but I'm not sure
 - 2 specifically what these fields exactly are doing.
 - 3 Q. Do you know what BS stands for?
 - A. BS? Typically, it means balance and status,
 - 5 but the way it's used here I'm not sure.
 - 6 Q. You referred to the FDR master file. What's 7 that?
 - 8 A. The master file is I guess a file that FDR
 - 9 maintains on accounts that has all -- I shouldn't say
 - 10 "all," but has probably thousands of fields related to
 - 11 the account and how the account is set in those
 - 12 fields.
 - 13 Q. Is that in an electronic file?
 - 14 A. It's an enormous file that FDR has. It's
 - 15 within their I guess computer system.
 - 16 Q. Okay. So it's not a paper file that they have?
 - 17 A. No, it's not paper.
 - 18 Q. All of the information that we see on these
 - 19 reports is contained within the FDR master file? Is
 - 20 that correct?
 - 21 A. I can't say for 100 percent certainty, but they
 - 22 should be. I believe so.
 - 23 Q. But there's a lot more information in addition
 - 24 to the FDR master file. Is that correct?

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- 1 I'm not sure what that field means.
- 2 Q. Okay. About four lines up from the bottom, CHD
- 3 CRBR CNSM, et cetera. Do you see where I am?
- 4 A. Four lines from the bottom where it says last 5 credit?
- 6 Q. I beg your pardon. Five lines from the bottom.
- 7 A. Okay. Yes.
- 8 O. Do you know what that means?
- 9 A. I do not.
- 10 Q. How about any of those last four lines, do you
- 11 know what they mean?
- 12 A. Well, the one that says credit life flag, that
- 13 indicates whether the customer has some type of credit
- 14 insurance or account protection on their account.
- 15 Q. Okay. That has nothing to do with whether
- 16 they're alive or not?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Do you know what any of those other last four
- 19 fields, last four lines mean?
- 20 A. No. I'm not sure.
- 21 Q. Then in the third column, BS fact data, what
- 22 does that mean?
- 23 A. That's another section of FDR's cardholder
- 24 master file. I believe it has something to do with

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- Q. Let me take you back to the deceased flag. You
- 3 may have answered this already. If you did, I
- 4 apologize. But I asked you if that field was ever
- 5 used for anything else. We got talking about non-mon
- 6 146 transactions. I'm not sure I ever got the answer
- 7 as to whether that field was ever used for anything
- 8 besides deceased.
 - A. This actual deceased flag that you're
- 10 referencing here is an obscure flag. It is not used
- 11 for anything else.
- 12 Q. Okay. Now, it is actually FDR that sends the
- 13 information to the credit bureau. Is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Do you know if FDR uses Metrotape?
- 16 A. They use the Metro standard format.
 - Q. Do you know if that's Metro 2 or some other
- 18 version?
 - A. Currently I believe it's Metro 2.
- 20 Q. Do you know when they started using Metro?
- 21 A. It was sometime within the last, you know,
- 22 maybe four to five years. I know there was a change
- 23 made from the Metro to the Metro 2. I just don't know
- 24 the exact timing of that.

- Q. On what day of the month are the monthly 1
- reports to the CRA -- let me stop there. Do you know
- what I mean when I say, "CRA"? 3
- 4 A. No.
- O. By "CRA" I mean consumer reporting agencies, 5
- which is synonymous with credit bureaus. So if I say 6
- CRA's, I mean the credit bureaus. 7
- 8 A. Okay.
- Q. Do you know what day of the month the monthly 9
- reports to the CRA's are made by FDR on CCB/ACS's 10
- 11
- A. Are you asking in the past or are you asking 12
- 13 currently?
- O. Well, let's start with May 21st or May 1999. 14
- A. Well, I don't know, you know, when it was 15
- changed, but previously FDR used to send our data to 16
- the credit bureaus on a monthly basis. When they 17
- switched, I believe it coincided with the switch to 18
- the Metro 2 format. 19
- 20 Now files are sent on a daily basis to
- FDR -- I mean to the credit bureau from FDR. What 21
- happens is when an account cycles, you know, when 22
- their statement is produced and that process occurs on 23
- the FDR system, all the accounts that cycle on that 24

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- A. Yes. Maybe I can just elaborate a little bit 1
- 2 more. 3
 - This account here has a cycle code of a
- 4 10.

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- Q. How do you know that?
- A. If you go to the -- you know, again, I looked
- at some cardholder statements, but even on this report 7
- if you look on any of the reports we're talking about, 8
- if you go and look in the first column, the fifth 9
- number down or the fifth item down is called the cycle 10
- identifier. 11
- 12 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. That's equal to a 10.
- Q. Okay. 14
- A. So what that means is on the 10th of every 15
- month is when this account cycles. So at that time 16
- they will receive their cardholder billing statement 17
- and the information is sent to the bureau. 18
- 19 Q. Okay.
 - A. So it happens once a month on the 10th for this
- 21 account.

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- Q. Okay. And that would appear to correspond up 22
- top where it says reporting date 10-10-2001? 23
- 24 A. Correct.

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- day are sent to the credit bureau, a file is sent to
- 2 the credit bureau at that time.
 - Q. Let me see if I understand you correctly then.
 - FDR reports to the credit bureaus on a
- daily basis, but CCB/ACS on any given account will 5 6 update to FDR on a monthly basis?
- A. No. FDR -- it's not that ACS is updating FDR. 7
- FDR has all this information already in their system. 8
- It's basically how the account is processing on their 9
- 10 system.

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- 11 Q. Okay.
- A. What happens is once a month an account the 12
- 13 term is called cycles, which means FDR produces a
- billing statement that's mailed to the cardholder 14
- address and that's called a cycle. 15
- Q. Is that the same day of the month for all 16
- CCB/ACS accounts? 17
- A. No. 18
- 19 Q. So it can be any day of the month?
- A. Yes. That's an individual setting at the 20
- account level, so it can go from 1 to 28. 21
- Q. I understand that. 22
- A. Right. 23
- Q. So I think I interrupted your explanation. 24

- Q. The reporting cycle, if I understand what you
- just explained, that means that it happens on a 2
- 3 monthly basis?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. And it appears that most, if not all, of these
- occur on the 10th of each month? 6
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 O. I see at least one here that's on the 9th of
- the month. Would that be because of a weekend? For 9
- example, the November 2001 reporting date is 10
- 11 11-9-2001.
- A. Without checking the dates for sure, that 12
- sounds like the explanation. 13
- O. Okay. How does CCB/ACS know that what it 14
- intends to send to the CRA is, in fact, what the CRA 15
- 16 receives?
- A. Well, again, the FDR system and the FDR, the 17
- 18 company itself is the largest servicer in the
- industry. They do this for many other credit card 19
- 20 companies, so it's just part of their systematic
- process to send all this information to the bureau. 21 22 O. Does CCB/ACS ever audit what FDR does?
- A. That would probably be a better question for 23
- Christine Cintron. 24

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- 1 Q. You can tell me these other questions maybe are
- 2 better directed to her too, but I will ask you them.
- 3 A. Okay.

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- Q. In general, does anyone at CCB/ACS ever look at
- 5 what FDR is sending to the credit bureau on CCB/ACS's
- 6 behalf in the account dumps?
- 7 A. I think that's for Christine as well.
- 8 Q. Under what circumstances will the FDR
- 9 development department at ACS request FDR to generate
- 10 these account dump reports?
- 11 A. It would have to be a special circumstance.
- 12 You know, someone from one of the user departments,
- 13 perhaps credit risk, will be researching something on
- 14 a particular account and they need to know or need to
- 15 see the raw data that FDR is sending to the bureaus.
- 16 Q. Would that happen if a consumer contacts
- 17 CCB/ACS and says there is something inaccurate that's
- 18 being reported to the credit bureaus?
- 19 A. I think it probably depends on the situation.
- 20 Q. Do you know what factors are involved in
- 21 determining whether or not the FDR development
- 22 department will make such a request to FDR?
- 23 A. No. It's basically driven by the business
- 24 units whether they would like to see it or not, so I

1 A. I wasn't involved in the discussions at that

- 2 time, but from what I've seen it appears that the
- 3 cardholder dispute, they tried to address the
- 4 cardholder dispute in the usual manner by submitting a
- 5 UD form to correct, to remove the deceased status from
- 6 the account after being notified by the cardholder.
- 7 That is the standard way of fixing the credit bureau.
 - When it was determined that that did not
- 9 work, they had to pursue -- I guess they couldn't
- 10 explain why it did not work, so they had to pursue
- 11 other options and see if something else was happening
- 12 to keep that deceased status on the account.
 - Q. How did CCB/ACS know that the UD form didn't
- 14 work to remove the deceased status?
- 15 A. I don't know the details, but from what I've
- 16 gathered they submitted the form and that typically
- 17 would correct any of these type of situations at the
- 18 account level. And when it was discovered that it did
- 19 not correct it, that's when they contacted FDR
- 20 development.
- 21 Q. FDR development could have been contacted at
- 22 any time once CCB/ACS discovered that the UD form
- 23 didn't correct the problem. Is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes. Once they discovered that, they could

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- 1 don't know what goes into their decision-making.
- 2 Q. But there are people in various business units
- 3 that have the authority to request the FDR development
- 4 department to make such a request to FDR?
- 5 A. It would typically come from the credit risk
- 6 area.
- 7 Q. What's the credit risk area?
- 8 A. That's the area at Cross Country Bank that it
- 9 performs many functions, but one of the functions is
- 10 working with the credit bureaus, credit bureau
- 11 reporting, et cetera.
- 12 Q. So is it your understanding that the credit
- 13 risk area would process communications from a credit
- 14 bureau forwarding a consumer dispute?
- 15 A. They would have the interaction with the credit
- 16 bureau.
- 17 Q. I represent to you that an ACDV is a
- 18 communication from the credit bureau. Is it your
- 19 understanding that such communications would be
- 20 handled by the credit risk area?
- 21 A. That's my understanding.
- 22 Q. In this case what prompted CCB/ACS to ask FDR
- 23 to generate the account dump report we have been
- 24 looking at?

- 1 have contacted us. Again, I'm not sure of the time
- 2 frames, but yes.
- 3 Q. Who figured out that the B in the deceased flag
- 4 field was what was causing the deceased to remain on
- 5 the credit reports?
- 6 A. I'm not 100 percent certain, but I believe it
- 7 was Sunil Singh.
- 8 Q. Is that a woman?
 - A. It's a man.

- 10 Q. Can you spell that name, please?
- 11 A. S-u-n-i-l and the last name is S-i-n-g-h.
- 12 Q. What department does he work in?
- 13 A. He currently works in the marketing department.
- 14 At that time he worked in FIDR development.
- 15 Q. For ACS?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. He doesn't work at FDR?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. When CCB/ACS asked FDR to generate this account
- 20 dump report, did CCB/ACS ask FDR to try and figure out
- 21 what was causing the deceased notation to remain on
- 22 the credit report?
- 23 MR. BRYCE: I don't know if he has the
- 24 foundation to answer that question, but I will let him

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if he's able. 1

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- A. I don't know. I wasn't part of any of those 2 3 conversations.
- Q. How did Mr. Singh discover, how did he discover 4 that it was the B in the flag field that was causing

MR. BRYCE: Again, I don't know if there's 7 a foundation, but I will let him answer if he's able. 8

the deceased to remain on the credit report?

- A. Again, I don't know exactly how he discovered 9 10 that.
- Q. Who has the most knowledge at CCB/ACS of how 11
- 12 the problem was investigated?
- A. I don't know if I could -- I don't even know 13
- all of the parties who were involved at that time with 14
- 15 the problem.
- 16 Q. If you wanted to find out more about the
- investigation, who would you ask? 17
- A. I would probably contact Sunil Singh. 18
- Q. What was his job title at the time? 19
- A. I believe it was assistant vice president of 20
- FDR development. 21
- 22 Q. Did he report to you?
- A. These reports were pulled October 8, 2003. 23
- Q. I beg your pardon. I'm not sure you heard my 24

- starts out at 11-10-2002, so it appears to be a 1 2 continuation.
- Is that your understanding? 3
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Later in Exhibit C if you turn to the reporting
- date 10-10-2003, it appears to be in a slightly 6
- different format, but it appears to me to be 7
- 8 essentially the same kind of report. Would you agree?
 - A. Yes.
- 10 O. And it also appears to have a different run
 - date. It's a little blury on my copy, but on some of
- these pages it looks like it's June of 2004. Do you 12 13 agree?
- A. I agree that it appears to be a different run 14 date, but I can't read what the run date is either. 15
- Q. Okay. 16
- MR. GOOLSBY: Maybe this is a good point 17 to take a short break. Is that okay with everyone? 18
- MR. BRYCE: Sure. Five minutes? 19
- MR. GOOLSBY: Five minutes sounds good. 20
- 21 I'll leave the phone line open.
- 22 MR. BRYCE: Okay. That makes the most
- 23 sense.

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24 MR. GOOLSBY: See you in five.

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- 1 auestion.
- 2 My question was: Did Mr. Singh report to
- 3 you at the time?
- 4 A. I believe when the reports were pulled which
- 5 says October 8, 2003, yes, he would have reported to
- 6 me at that time.
- 7 Q. Do I understand correctly that the
- 8 investigation was not done at your direction?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Was it done at Mr. Singh's direction?
- A. Someone would have instructed him to research 11
- 12 the issue.
- 13 O. Who would have instructed him to research the
- issue? 14
- 15 A. It would have been someone -- again, I don't
- know the person. It would have been someone from one 16
- 17 of the business areas. Perhaps, perhaps the risk
- 18
- 19 Q. Can I have you take a look at Exhibit C to the
- 20 deposition notice?
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. This appears to me to be more of the same from
- 23 Exhibit B or a continuation of Exhibit B. I see that
 - Exhibit B leads off with 10-10-2002 and Exhibit C

Off the record. 1

(A brief recess was taken.)

BY MR. GOOLSBY: 3

- Q. Mr. Giuliani, you mentioned a moment ago UD 4
- 5 form. What's that?
- 6 A. That's not my area of expertise, but it's a
- 7 form that is used to change something on the credit
- 8 bureau report.
 - Q. Okay. What does UD stand for?
- 10 A. Universal data.
- Q. I ask you to take a look at Exhibit D to the 11
- 12 deposition notice. Can you identify the two
- 13 documents?
 - A. It's a universal data form.
- 15 Why are they different?
- 16 MR. BRYCE: John, this is outside his
 - designation and his area. You're better off asking
- 18 Christine these questions.
 - MR. GOOLSBY: Okay.
- 20 MR. BRYCE: I don't know if he's able to
- 21 answer.
- 22 THE WITNESS: No. I agree. Christine is
- 23 the best person to ask.
- 24 MR. GOOLSBY: I will save those questions

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1 for Christine.

- 2 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- 3 Q. Let me ask you this. If I understood your
- 4 testimony correctly, the credit card is on a monthly
- 5 cycle so at the end of each cycle new information is
- 6 being reported. Is that correct?
- 7 A. At the end of each cycle new information is
- 8 being reported or updated information? Is that what
- 9 you said?
- 10 Q. Yes.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Is it possible to change information on an
- 13 account in the middle of the cycle?
- 14 A. Via the UDF form? It wouldn't be done by FDR.
- 15 FDR only does it at cycle.
- 16 Q. FDR only does it at cycle?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. Okay. So if a UDF is sent on, say, the 1st of
- 19 the month, that change won't be reflected in the FDR
- 20 system until the end of the cycle? Is that correct?
- 21 A. The UDF, my understanding is the UDF has
- 22 nothing to do with the FDR system. The UDF goes
- 23 strictly to the credit bureaus.
- 24 Q. Now, if CCB/ACS received notice that a consumer

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. It looks like they're both blank?
- A. Correct.
 - Q. What does blank mean?
 - A. Blank means there's no external status on the
- 6 account. That means it's opened.
 - Internal status blank means it's a current
- 8 account, meaning it's not delinquent and not over the
- 9 limit.
- 10 Q. Okay. So when it says previous external status
- 11 C, does that mean the account was closed and then
- 12 since the current external status is blank that it was
- 13 reopened?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And is there any indication of how much
- 16 previous the previous external status field is
- 17 referring to?
- 18 A. Are you asking when it was done?
- 19 Q. Right. When did it change from closed to open?
- 20 Is there any indication on this account dump?
- 21 A. I'm not sure if there is an indication on this
- 22 report.
- 23 Q. But the previous external status just means
- 24 sometime in the past it was closed, we don't know

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- 1 had died, how would CCB/ACS reflect that change in the
- 2 FDR system?
- 3 A. They would put an external status of I on the
- 4 account.
- 5 O. In the field that we talked about that has a C
- 6 in it on those documents that we looked at?
- 7 A. Well, I guess technically that field that we
- 8 looked at was called the previous external status, so
- 9 that was the status that used to be on the account.
- 10 It would be in the external status field, not the
- 11 previous external status field.
- 12 Q. On the account dump where is the external
- 13 status field?
- 14 A. It's in that same column. It's about the 12th
- 15 one from the bottom. It says cardholder external
- 16 status. That's what currently is on the account. The
- 17 previous was what was on the account.
- 18 Q. Now, I'm looking at the 10-10-2001 account dump
- 19 report.
- 20 A. Okay.
- 21 Q. And I see a field that says external status and
- 22 then on the same line it says CHD internal status?
- A. Correct.
- 24 Q. Are those two separate fields on the same line?

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 When, is that correct, or we don't know when for these
- 2 reports anyway?
- 3 A. Correct.

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- Actually, I think I do see it now.
- 5 Q. Okay. Where is that?
- 6 A. In the middle of that same column, right in the
- 7 middle it says cardholder date status change.
- 8 Q. Yes. 9-19-01.
- 9 A. Yes. I believe that's what that is.
- 10 Q. Okay. Bear with me for just one moment,
- 11 please.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 MR. GOOLSBY: I would like to have marked
- 14 as Exhibit 2 documents Bates stamped ACS A40 through
- 15 **47**.

- 16 (CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 2 was
- 17 marked for identification.)
- 18 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- 19 Q. Mr. Giuliani, I want to direct your attention
- 20 to -- well, first of all, let me ask you do you
- 21 recognize this document?
- 22 A. No, I do not.
- 23 Q. Okay. Let me back up a step.
 - Do you see down at the bottom where it

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- 1 says, "Account Services Policies and Procedures"?
- 2 A. Correct.

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- Q. Is there an account services department of ACS,
- 4 FDR or CCB that you know of?
- 5 A. There's an account services department in ACS.
 - Q. Do you see below that it says, "Credit
- 7 Investigations: Resolution of Consumer Disputes"? Is
- 8 there also a credit investigations department?
- 9 A. I'm not sure if it's a department or if it's
- 10 just a function within a department.
- 11 MR. BRYCE: To the extent, John, you're
- going to start asking him about this or policies or procedures, it's really outside of his area and his
- 14 designation. That would be Christine.
- 15 MR. GOOLSBY: Okay.
- 16 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- 17 Q. But, Mr. Giuliani, you do know about a
- 18 relationship between FDR and CCB and ACS. Is that
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. I want to refer you then to the middle section
- 22 of this page where it says Policy and after the bullet
- 23 points the paragraph that starts "All disputes must be
- 24 investigated and resolved. Any necessary changes or

- A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Turning to the next page of this document,
- 3 about a third of the way from the bottom do you see
- 4 where it says, "Once the requests have been forwarded
- 5 to the Credit Investigation Unit, the Credit
- 6 Investigations Associates will complete the
- 7 following"?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And then you see a number of, well, they're not
- 10 bullets but they're little arrows. The fourth one
- 11 says, "Make all necessary adjustments to FDR including
- 12 all appropriate memos."
 - Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.

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- 15 Q. Do you know what level of FDR access the credit
- 16 investigations associates have?
- 17 A. No, I do not.
- 18 Q. Do you know if the credit investigations
- 19 associates are able to do a view of the screen which
- 20 would show the CHD deceased flag B status that we
- 21 talked about before?
- 22 A. I don't know.
 - Q. Who would you ask if you wanted to know that?
- 24 A. We have a department, the information security

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- adjustments must be made to FDR, with the appropriate
- 2 comments."
 - Do you see where I am?
- 4 A. Yes.

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- 5 Q. Do you know what that's referring to?
- A. Just give me a second to read it. (Reviewingdocument).
 - From reading the document -- again, I'm
- 9 not familiar with this document -- it seems that
- 10 they're instructed to make changes to the FDR system,
- 11 as well as submitting a UDF form.
- 12 Q. Okay. And having been vice president of FDR
- 13 development, are you aware of which employees at ACS
- 14 have access to the FDR system to make changes as
- 15 described in this document?
- 16 A. I'm not sure of the changes described in the
- 17 document, number one.
- Number two, it depends on what level, what department the associate is, along with their title, I
- 20 guess, or position with the organization. That
- 21 determines what access level that they have on the FDR
- 22 system.
- 23 Q. So different people in different positions have
- 24 different levels of access to FDR. Is that correct?

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 department. They control who has what access to the
- 2 FDR system. That's not in my area.
- $3\,$ $\,$ Q. $\,$ I ask you to turn to the page Bates stamped 45 $\,$
- 4 in this exhibit.
- 5 A. Okay. I'm there.
- 6 Q. Then about a third of the way from the bottom
 - there's a bullet point that says, "The Customer claims
- 8 there are check truncation errors."
 - Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you know what a check truncation error is?
 - A. I have an understanding of what it is, but I'm
- 13 not sure what they're I guess exactly referring to in
- 14 this document.
- 15 Q. What's your understanding of what a check
- 16 truncation error is?
- 17 A. Something happened in the processing of the
- 18 check where not all of the information on the check
- 19 was received or processed correctly.
- 20 Q. Okay. Let me have you look at the document
- 21 Bates stamped 48 through 54.
- 22 MR. BRYCE: Do you want those marked?
- 23 MR. GOOLSBY: Well, let me ask a couple of
- 24 preliminary questions first.

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BY MR. GOOLSBY:

- 2 Q. Mr. Giuliani, do you recognize this document?
- 3 A. No, I do not.

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4 Q. We needn't mark that document then.

5 MR. GOOLSBY: Can we please mark documents

- 6 Bates stamped 1 through 19 as Exhibit 3, I guess this 7 would be?
- 8 (CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 3 was
- 9 marked for identification.)
- 10 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- 11 Q. When you are ready, Mr. Giuliani, do you
- 12 recognize this document?
- 13 A. No, I do not.
- 14 Q. Do you see near the top where it says,
- 15 "Automated Consumer Dispute Verification Procedure
- 16 Utilizing E-Oscar"? Do you see where I am?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Do you know what E-Oscar is?
- 19 A. I have an idea of what it is, but Christine
- 20 Cintron is more familiar than I.
- 21 Q. Can you turn, please, to the page Bates stamped
- 22 7?
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 Q. At the bottom do you see where it says,

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1 Q. Okay. Do you see where it says, "X Consumer

- 2 Deceased"?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Do you have any reason to doubt that ECOA code
 - X stands for consumer deceased?
 - MR. BRYCE: Objection.
- 7 Q. You can go ahead and answer, Mr. Giuliani.
 - A. Assuming this document is accurate, I have no
- 9 reason to --
- 10 Q. Okay. Fair enough.
- 11 I would like to now have you look at
- 12 documents Bates stamped 55 through 70.
 - MR. BRYCE: Do you want that marked?
- MR. GOOLSBY: Not yet. Actually, yes, let's go ahead and mark that Exhibit 4, please.
 - let's go ahead and mark that Exhibit 4, please.

 (CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 4 was
- 17 marked for identification.)
- 18 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- 19 Q. Have you ever seen this document before?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Will you turn to page Bates stamp page 58,
- 22 please?
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 Q. I believe you testified that before today you

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- 1 "Narrative Remarks (Experian and Equifax only)"?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Do you have any information, do you know
- 4 anything about that paragraph?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. So you don't know why narrative remarks would
- 7 be for Experian and Equifax only?
- 8 A. No, I do not.
- 9 Q. Can you turn to page 16, please?
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. Do you see where it says, "ECOA Code Select"
- 12 near the very bottom?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Now, we talked about the ECOA code field before
- on the account dump report and I believe you said you
- 16 didn't know what X stood for?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Do I recall that testimony correctly?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. If you flip to the next page, there's a code
- 21 description here. Have you ever seen a code
- 22 description table like this?
- 23 A. I've seen similar tables to this, but I don't
- 24 know if it was related to the ECOA or not.

- 1 did not know what ACDV meant. Is that correct?
 - A. I didn't know the acronym, but once I read the
- 3 description I have an understanding of what ACDV
 - means.

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- 5 Q. Looking at the last paragraph on this page, the
- 6 third sentence, do you see where it says, "Therefore,
- 7 all disputes must be investigated and resolved"?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Then you see the next sentence, "Any necessary
- 10 changes or adjustments must be made to FDR with
- 11 appropriate comments if necessary"?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Are you familiar with that part of the ACDV
- 14 investigation procedures where changes would be made
- 15 to FDR?
- 16 A. I'm not familiar with the procedures at all.
- 17 Q. Can you turn to Bates stamp page 61, please?
- 18 A. Okav.
- 19 Q. Do you see about a quarter of the way down it
- 20 says, "Verifying Consumer Identification Information
- 21 On FDR Or PROD1?"
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. What's PROD1?
- 24 A. PROD1 is an internal system at ACS.

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Page 66 Page 68 Q. Below that it refers to FDR accounts and 1 1 A. Yes. 2 Recovery One accounts. Is Recovery One the same as 2 Q. Then it says, "Review the CIS screen (Memos) on 3 PROD1? 3 FDR." Do you know what the CIS screen is? 4 A. No, it is not. 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. What's Recovery One? 5 Q. What is it? 6 A. Recovery One is a system we use to handle other 6 A. It's a screen that displays notes or memos on 7 charged-off accounts. 7 the account. 8 Q. Okay. You say PROD1 is an internal ACS system? 8 Q. As part of the FDR system? A. Yes. It's basically our AS-400. We have A. Correct. 9 10 internal applications built on the PROD, PROD1 or the 10 Q. Does it display the deceased flag field? 11 AS-400. 11 A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat that one? 12 Q. Can you explain the relationship between FDR 12 Q. Yes. 13 and PROD1? 13 Does the CIS screen display the deceased A. There are certain applications that we have 14 14 flag field that we talked about? 15 built on PROD1 or certain processes that are on PROD1 15 A. No. Well, I should say I don't believe so. that can send information to the FDR system, I guess 16 Q. Okay. send and receive information from FDR. 17 17 A. It would -- the CIS screen typically is a place 18 Q. Okay. So PROD1 is a program for interfacing 18 where you can make notes regarding the account. In 19 with the FDR system? Is that a fair way to describe 19 addition, if certain non-monetary transactions are 20 20 made, it can produce a memo that would say that a 21 A. It's not really a program. PROD1 is I guess in 21 field was changed. 22 laymen's terms like a huge computer and on there we 22 I don't believe the non-mon 146 appears 23 have different applications or different, you know, 23 anywhere on that, on the memo screen. different programs, different processes that generate 24 MR. GOOLSBY: Can we please have marked as Page 67 Page 69 from that computer that are sent over to FDR. 1 Exhibit 5 pages 71 through 79? 1 2 Q. When we talked about 146 transactions, is that 2 (CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 5 was 3 something that's done through PROD1? 3 marked for identification.) 4 A. No. 4 BY MR. GOOLSBY: 5 Q. Are any of these things we talked about earlier 5 Q. Mr. Giuliani, do you recognize this document? 6 done through PROD1? 6 A. No. 7 A. I don't believe so. 7 Q. Can you turn to page 79, please? Q. On this page near the middle of the page, 8 8 Do you know what condition codes are? actually several times this document refers to BS 9 A. I'm not familiar with the term condition code. screen. Do you know what that means? 10 10 Q. Okay. A. Yes. That's the balance and status screen on 11 MR. GOOLSBY: Let's have marked as Exhibit 11 12 FDR. 12 6 pages 80 through 95. 13 Q. And is that related to the third column on the 13 (CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 6 was 14 account dump where it says BS Fact Data? 14 marked for identification.) 15 A. I need to look at that dump again. Let me just 15 BY MR. GOOLSBY: 16 take a look at it. 16

- Q. Do you recognize this document? 17
 - A. No, I do not.
- 18 Q. I ask you to turn to page 82, please. 19
 - A. Okay.
- 20 Q. The paragraph that starts with "Introduction,"
- 21 the second complete sentence there, "Currently, the 22
- system creates a tape for each credit bureau," et 23 cetera.
 - Do you see where I am?

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Q. Please.

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A. No. None of that information, none of that

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bottom where it says, "Claims Account Closed by

information is displayed on the BS screen.

Q. Okay. Can you go, please, to page 67?

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A. Yes.

2 Q. This sentence appears to state that at the time 3 it was written at least the information was submitted

- to the credit bureaus two Saturdays after the month
- 5 end. Do you know if that was, in fact, at one time
- 6 true?

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- 7 A. Yes, I believe so.
- 8 Q. And then it says, "During the 4th quarter of
- 2000 this process will change." So according to this
- at least, this apparently was written before the 10
- 11 fourth quarter of 2000 and it indicated there was
- 12 going to be a change in fourth quarter of 2000.
- 13 Do you know if there was a change in the 14 fourth quarter of 2000?
- 15 A. I'm not sure of the timing of that change but,
- 16 as I mentioned earlier today, and that's what the next
- 17 line states, FDR does send files to the credit bureaus
- each day. 18
- Q. So would you agree that the way this paragraph 19
- 20 explains what's going to happen starting fourth
- 21 quarter 2000 is the fact the way it happened?
- A. So starting with the sentence "Instead of 22
- 23 sending an update after month-end, FDR will create a
- tape each day" through the rest of that paragraph?

- Page 72 Do you see in the first paragraph where it
- 2 refers to video display history? 3
 - A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you know what that is?
- 5 A. Yes. This is a screen that displays cardholder 6 information for the last two years, plus the year-to-
- 7 date information.
- 8 Q. So is the video display history part of the FDR 9 system?
- 10 A. Yes, it is.
 - Q. Does the video display history show the
- deceased flag field? 12
 - A. No, it does not.
- 14 Q. Page 91, please.

"Reporting Changes to Credit Bureaus and Lenders," do you see where I am?

- A. Yes.
- Q. And that first paragraph, the last two sentences, "Since the tapes are not created and sent
- 19 until 2 weeks," et cetera, do you see where I am? 20
 - A. Yes.
- 22 Q. It says here that at that time "the credit
- bureaus will not reflect the updated information until 24 almost two months after the corrections are made."

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1 Q. Yes.

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- A. Okay. Hold on. (Reviewing document).
- Yes, that is my understanding.
- 4 Q. Turn to the next page, please, and about the
- 5 middle of the page where it says Step 2.
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- 7 Q. We already talked about the BS screen. Do you
- 8 know what the BS9 screen is?
- 9 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. What is that, please? 10
- A. It's another balance and status screen that you 11
- can modify, I guess, modify to display the information 12
- 13 that you want or ACS wants to appear on that screen.
- 14 Q. Does the BS9 screen include the deceased flag
- 15 field?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Is there a BS1 through 8?
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- 19 Q. Do any of those BS screens show the deceased
- 20 flag field?
- 21 A. I don't believe so.
- 22 Q. Is there a BS10 or higher?
- 23 A. No. Just BS1, BS and then BS1 through BS9.
- 24 Q. Turn to page 89, please.

- 1 Do I understand correctly that that's no
- 2 longer true and under the new system changes will be 3 reflected daily?
 - A. I'm not sure how quickly the credit bureaus
 - process the information that is sent to them by FDR. MR. GOOLSBY: Can I have marked as Exhibit
- 7 7 documents 96 through 105?
 - (CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 7 was
- 9 marked for identification.)
- 10 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
 - Q. Do you recognize this document?
 - A. No, I do not.
- 13 Q. Would you turn to page 97, please?
 - A. I'm here. Sorry.
- 15 Q. Do you see it indicates attachment 1 is BS
- screen? I don't see anything labeled as such in the 16 17
 - subsequent pages of this document.

Is there anything in this exhibit that you recognize as a BS screen?

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- 21 Q. Can I have you look at the McKenna depo
- 22 exhibits, specifically Exhibit No. 18?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Is that a BS screen?

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A. Correct.

- 2 Q. The subsequent page is a CIS screen?
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- Q. And it looks like the subsequent pages are CMM 4 5 screens?
- 6 A. Yes.

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MR. GOOLSBY: Let's have marked as Exhibit 8 the pages 20 through 28.

(CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 8 was marked for identification.)

- 11 BY MR. GOOLSBY:
- Q. Do you recognize this stack of documents? 12
- A. No, I do not. 13
- 14 Q. In the middle of the first page do you see
- 15 where it says, "Account located on: FDR," et cetera?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. I understand from this that some accounts are
- 18 on FDR and some are on Recovery One and some are on
- 19 both. Is that true?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. The account we have been looking at in the
- 22 account dump, the Andersons' account that was at one
- 23 time a MasterCard and then was converted to a Visa, do
- you know if that was on FDR only or both FDR and

- Page 74 1 A. I'm not sure if that's on the credit bureau
 - 2 dump.
 - 3 Q. Let's take a look at the credit bureau dump
 - again. For example, the first one we looked at, the 5
 - 10-10-2001 to Equifax, if you look about ten lines up 6 from the bottom in the middle column, we talked about
 - 7 there's two fields on that line, external status and
 - 8 internal status.
 - 9 A. Right.

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- Q. Does that help you answer the question whether
- 11 the internal status codes go to credit bureaus?
- A. No. This is -- the internal status codes 12
- 13 referenced in this document has nothing to do with the
- internal status on the credit bureau dump. On the
- 15 credit bureau dump if it was there it would say
- 16 something like status reason code.
- 17 Q. On that same credit bureau dump report of 18 10-10-2001 about in the middle of that column I do see
- 19 a field that says status reason. 20
 - A. Right. I just spotted that at the same time.
- 21 Q. Is that where these internal status codes would 22 qo?
- 23 A. I believe so. 24 Q. I see a 00 in that field. Does that mean this

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- 1 Recovery One?
- 2 A. As I mentioned earlier, the Recovery One houses 3 accounts that have been charged off.
- 4 Q. You don't know without looking if the Anderson
- 5 account was charged off? 6 A. Right. My answer is yes, exactly. Most likely
 - the account would be only on FDR, but again I would
- 8 have to look at the account.
 - Q. Would you turn, please, to page 25?
- 10 Are you familiar with internal status
- 11 codes?

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- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. I'm sorry. I didn't hear an answer. 13
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. What are internal status codes used for?
- A. They're I call them status reason codes, but 16
- 17 basically some of them are client defined; some of
- them are designated by the FDR system. And basically 18
- 19 the two-digit number gives you additional information
- 20 on the account.
- Q. Does that information go to the credit bureaus? 21
- 22 Let me ask that a different way.
- 23 Do the internal status codes go to the
- 24 credit bureaus?

1 account is in default?

2 A. Well, most of these codes again are internal to

us. So like a 00 would probably have no meaning at 3

4 all to the bureau. The majority of these fields are

5 codes internally.

6 For instance, 01, we said account closed

7 due to annual fee, that's something that we set up in 8 internally. 01, if we wanted to, that could have

9 been, you know, account is reopened. That's a totally

10 client-defined field. That's just a way for us to

11 have additional information.

12 Q. So do I understand your testimony that these

13 codes go to credit bureaus but they don't have any way

of interpreting them?

15 A. Not all of the fields. There are certain

16 fields that are pre -- I'm trying to think of the

17 word.

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There are certain words or certain codes that are restricted to FDR only.

- 20 Q. I see on page 26 and 27 for 85 through 99, with 21 the exception of one, all say FDR?
 - A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Are those the ones that you talked about that I
 - think you said are exclusive to FDR only?

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Page 78 1 A. Without double-checking the accuracy of this 2 document --3 Q. You can't attest to the accuracy of this because you have never seen it before, right?

A. Right.

Q. So based on your reading of this document,

7 assuming that it's accurate, those would be the codes 8 that are for FDR?

9 A. Right. FDR would own those reason codes and 10 I'm not sure how the bureau would interpret those

11 codes, however.

12 Q. Let me ask you specifically about code 48.

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14 Q. It says here Visa Conversion, MasterCard to

15 Visa.

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16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And 49 actually has your name on it?

A. Yes. 18

19 Q. What are those codes for?

20 A. These codes when we converted from MasterCard

21 to Visa, we used those codes as another way to

22 identify or mark these accounts. They had no bearing

23 on the credit bureau.

24 Q. Let's go back and look at the account dump 1 So the 48 it's just an internal code for

2 us to identify that this account was converted to a

3 Visa. And then on the other account, the Visa

4 account, this account is now being reported to the

5 bureau. And, again, the 49 is just an internal code 6 for us to know that this was part of the Visa

7 conversion. It used to be a MasterCard.

Again, the bureau would have no idea what 49 or 48 means.

Q. Do you know about internal status code 77?

11 A. I see it on the sheet saying, "Deceased

12 Charge-Off," but that's all I know about it.

Q. Turn to page 28, please.

Do you see number 2, "Click the 'Look in' box and navigate to the fdrstatements"?

A. Yes. I see that.

17 Q. Do you know what that's referring to?

A. I believe what they're talking about is the ability to pull up old statements. It's a process if you wanted to pull up old statements on a customer

21 account.

22 Q. The statements that would have actually gone to 23

the customer?

24 A. Correct.

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1 reports and let's look again at the May 2002, May 10,

2 2002 dump reports, of which there are six as I recall.

3 A. We're trying to pull it out now.

4 Q. Sure. Tell me when you're ready.

5 A. So you're looking at the Equifax?

6 Q. Let's start with Equifax, the first of the two

Equifax, the one that's still reporting under the

8 MasterCard number.

9 A. Yes.

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10 Q. In that status reason code right about in the

11 middle of the page now we have got 48.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You testified earlier that this information

14 goes to the credit bureaus?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And the next two also have a 48?

17 A. Yes.

Q. Let's look at now the second batch of dump 18

reports for May 10, 2002. Those three appear to have 19

20 a 49. Would you agree?

21 A. Yes. I guess the difference being, again, that

22 the first account with the 48 is the MasterCard

23 account. And, remember, with that credit bureau flag

of D we're deleting that record from the bureau.

MR. GOOLSBY: Carr we have marked as I

guess it would be Exhibit 9 pages 29 through 39?

(CCB/ACS Deposition Exhibit No. 9 was

4 marked for identification.)

5 BY MR. GOOLSBY:

Q. Do you recognize that document?

A. No, I do not.

8 Q. In that case, I don't have any questions for

you about that document.

Earlier we talked about subscriber codes.

11 Do you know if FDR is a subscriber?

12 A. I'm not sure.

13 Q. Do you know if FDR has a subscriber code?

A. I'm not sure.

15 Q. When we looked at the account dump report and

16 looked at the identification number, for example, on

17 that October 10, 2001 about the fourth line down in

18 the first column, you testified that that refers to

19 CCB or ACS and not to FDR.

Do I understand that correctly?

21 A. Again, my understanding is that that

22 identification number is identifying Cross Country

23 Bank.

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please. A. Okay.

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- 3 Q. And the first set of May 2002 account dumps that has the D have one identification number and then
- 5 when you look at the second set of three -- well, 6

actually hold everything.

Would you agree that the identification number for the Equifax and Trans Union May 10, 2002 dump reports that have the D that that number is different from the identification number for the

- 11 Experian dump report of the same date that has the D?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know why? 13
- 14 A. There must be a difference in how Experian
- 15 receives their identification number than the other
- two bureaus, but I don't know for sure but that's kind 16
- 17 of the logical answer.
- 18 Q. Now, when you go to the second set of dump 19 reports for the same date, there's still a different
- 20 identification number for the Equifax and Trans Union
- 21 reports.

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- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 A. Are you saying the Equifax and Trans Union are 24 different than Experian or that they're different than

- 1 identification numbers.
 - 2 Q. And the credit bureaus know that?
 - A. Yes.
 - 4 Q. How do you know they know that?
 - A. It's on, it's on different reports. I guess
 - 6 probably Christine and them would be better to answer,
 - 7 but there is communication back and forth regarding
 - 8 this and we know that the accounts are being reported
 - 9 under Cross Country Bank.
 - Q. Mr. Giuliani, I believe I may be done with my questions for you, but I would like to take a short break to review my notes and make sure I don't have anything else for you before we start the other part of this deposition.

MR. GOOLSBY: So can we maybe take five minutes?

> MR. BRYCE: Yes. Five minutes is fine. MR. GOOLSBY: We're off the record now. (A brief recess was taken.)

BY MR. GOOLSBY:

Q. I want to go back to what prompted CCB/ACS to request FDR to generate this credit dump report or, in general, what does prompt CCB/ACS to make such a request.

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1 the MasterCard report?

Q. Well, let's take that in two pieces.

They are different from the MasterCard report for Equifax and Trans Union. Would you agree?

- A. Correct. Because the new account is in a
- different -- it is a Visa now and it's in a different
- system print, so it would make sense that the number
- 8 would be different.
- 9 Q. But still Cross Country Bank?
- A. Correct. 10
- Q. So why are there different identifiers for 11
- 12 Cross Country Bank?
- 13 A. Because each system in print has its own
- 14 identifier, so a Visa would have a different
- 15 identifier than a MasterCard.
- 16 Q. Even though it's all coming from Cross Country
- 17 Bank?
- 18 A. Correct.
- Q. And does Cross Country Bank control the 19
- 20 identification number?
- 21 A. I believe we work with FDR and the credit
- 22 bureaus so everyone is in synch, but the
- 23 identification number would be unique to every system
- print. So Cross Country Bank might have 40

1 Is it necessary that a lawsuit had been

2 filed before the FDR development department will make 3

- such a request to FDR?
- A. No.
- 5 O. So whenever someone in one of the business. 6 units with sufficient authority decides that such a
 - request should be made to FDR, that can be done?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Will FDR always generate a report upon request or does CCB/ACS have to meet certain criteria before 10
- 11 FDR will say okay, here's the report?
- A. I believe FDR would always provide the report 12
- 13 upon request.
 - Q. Let me ask you again about the record, I think you called it the history of non-mon transactions.

You said you reviewed the exhibits to

17 Mr. McKenna's depo in preparation for today. Did you 18 see among those exhibits anything that was the history 19 of non-mon transactions?

20 A. I saw a document that had a history of 21 non-monetary transactions. I'm not sure if it was, if

22 it's part of the exhibits or not.

Q. So you looked at it, but you don't know where 24 you saw it. Is that right?

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1	A. Right. I'm just not sure if it was an exhibit	1	
2	or not.	2	
3	MR. GOOLSBY: Marty, I would ask you, as I	3	REPLACE THIS PAGE
4	already said, have you check and see if that's been	4	WITH THE ERRATA SHEET
5	produced to us.	5	AFTER IT HAS BEEN
6	BY MR. GOOLSBY:	6	COMPLETED AND SIGNED
7	Q. Let me ask you this, Mr. Giuliani: Does the	۱ ŏ	BY THE DEPONENT.
8	history of non-mon transactions, in general, show when	8	DI THE DEPONENT.
9	an ACS employee does a screen view without actually	9	
10	making a change?		
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	Q. So we don't know when the screen was viewed.	12	
13	There's no record of that. Is that right?	13	
14	A. Right. A non-monetary transaction report would	14	
15	only or non-monetary transaction would only produce if	15	
16	a change was submitted or something was entered. If	16	
17	you just look at something, there's no record.	17	
18	MR. GOOLSBY: Mr. Giuliani, that is all	18	
19	the questions I have for you. I thank you very much	19	
20	for your time today.	20	
21	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	21	
22	MR. BRYCE: Okay. So we're going to start		
23	up again at 2:00 o'clock our time here.	22	
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Trans Union, L.L.C.; Experian Information Solutions Inc.; CSC Credit Services, Inc.; Equifax, Inc. d/b/a Equifax Information Services LLC.,

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the TELEPHONIC deposition of Applied Card Systems'

FRCP 30(b)(6) Representative(s) having the most knowledge/information about:

- 1. The "obscure flag" referenced in E. McKenna's June 28, 2004 deposition

 (McKenna Deposition transcript, p. 15:14-17:2 attached hereto as Exhibit A.)
- 2. The contents, codes and markings of Exhibit 25 to E. McKenna's June 28, 2004 deposition (attached hereto as Exhibit B.)
- 3. The contents, codes and markings of Exhibit C attached hereto.
- 4. The extent to which the information in Exhibits B and C is transmitted to the CRAs.

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- 5. The relationship between First Data Research and CCB/ACS regarding Plaintiffs between July 1999 and the present.
- 6. All audits, communications or correspondence dated January 1, 1998 to the present between CCB/ACS and any credit reporting agency relating to the reliability of information produced by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies.
- 7. Any and all communications between CCB/ACS and First Data Resources regarding Plaintiffs dated July 1999 and the present.
- 8. All systems or procedures in place for verifying that manual or electronic updates sent by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies are in fact received by the credit reporting agencies
- 9. All AUDfs or UDFs (e.g., Exhibit D attached hereto) dated January 1, 2000 to the present that were sent by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies concerning the Andersons' CCB accounts
- 10. All systems in place to assure that changes made pursuant to UDFs or AUDFs sent are also corrected and updated on monthly tape reporting to the credit reporting agencies.
- 11. All information concerning whether or not manual updates (UDFs/AUDFs) override or are suppressed to override monthly tape reporting.

- 12. All instructions provided to CCB/ACS by any credit reporting agency on how to complete a UDF or AUDF.
- 13. The relationship between the ECOA "X" mark and the "REMARKS," by oral examination will be taken before a qualified notary public at the law offices of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, 919 North Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 at 10:30 AM ET on March 28, 2005 thereafter by adjournment until the same shall be completed.

IN DESIGNATING a person to appear for deposition under Rule 30(b)(6), an organization must make a conscientious good-faith endeavor to designate persons having knowledge of matters sought by the interrogator. Protective Nat. Ins. Co. of Omaha v. Commonwealth Ins. Co., 137 F.R.D. 267, 278 (D. Neb. 1989) (applying identical federal rule). If an organization fails to designate a person with knowledge, sanctions may be imposed. Arctic Cat Inc., v. Injection Research Specialists, Inc., 210 F.R.D. 680, 682-83 (D. Minn.).

An organization must not only produce such number of persons as will satisfy the request, but must also prepare them so that they may give complete, knowledgeable and binding answers on behalf of the organization. Prokosch v. Catalina Lighting, Inc., 193 F.R.D. 633, 638 (D. Minn 2000). An organization's duty to prepare its designee(s) so that they can give knowledgeable and binding answers attaches not just to matters personally known to the designee(s), but also to subjects that the organization should reasonably know. Hooker v. Norfolk So. Ry. Co., 204 F.R.D. 124, 126 (S.D. Ind. 2001); Poole ex. rel. Elliot v. Textron, Inc., 192 F.R.D. 494, 504 (D. Md. 2000).

The scope of the deposition is not limited to the matters specified in the Notice of Deposition, but is limited only as provided generally in F. R. Civ. P. 26. The matters set forth in the deposition notice therefore constitute the minimum, not the maximum, about which the deponent must be prepared to speak. <u>Detoy v. City and County of San Francisco</u>, 196 F.R.D. 362, 366-67 (N.D. Cal. 2000).

YOU ARE DIRECTED, pursuant to Rule 30 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to produce the following documents and things at the time of your deposition, if not already produced:

- All instructions provided to CCB/ACS by any credit reporting agency on how to complete a UDF or AUDF.
- b. Copies of any and all communications via email or letter between CCB/ACS and the credit reporting agencies that reference Plainitffs regarding the relationship between ECOA "X" marks and the "REMARKS" area of an ACDV/CDV.
- c. Copies of any and all communications via email or letter between CCB/ACS and First Data Resources regarding Plaintiffs dated July 1999 and the present
- d. Any and all policy and procedure manuals regarding:
 - 1.) manual updates (UDFs/AUDFs) override or are suppressed to override monthly tape
 - 2.) reporting all systems in place to assure sure that changes made pursuant to UDFs or AUDFs sent are also corrected and updated on monthly tape reporting to the credit reporting agency
 - 3.) All systems or procedures in place for verifying that manual or electronic updates sent by CCB or ACS to the credit reporting agencies are in fact received by the credit reporting agencies
- e. The contract between CCB/ACS and FDR relating to the CRAs
- f. Subscriber contracts between CCB/ACS and the CRAs.

DEFINITIONS

The term "documents" means all the writings of any kind, including the original and all non-identical copies, whether different from the originals by reason of any notation made on such copies or otherwise, including, without limitation, correspondence, memoranda, notes, diaries, statistics, e-mails, letters, telegrams, minutes, contracts, reports, studies, checks, statements, receipts, returns, summaries, pamphlets, books, interoffice and intra-office communications, notations of any sort of conversations, telephone calls, meetings or communications, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, teletypes, telefax, invoices, worksheets, all drafts, alterations, and modifications, changes and amendments of any of the foregoing, graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotapes, recordings, motion pictures) and any electronic, mechanical, or electrical records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, recordings and computer memories).

Dated: 3/21/2005

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)ss
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Sue Wolsfeld, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on March 21, 2005 she served

• Plaintiffs' subpoena duces tecum and Notice of Taking Deposition of Applied Card Systems' FRCP's 30(b)(6) Representative

upon

- Martin Bryce, Jr, attorney for non-party Applied Card Systems, Inc.
- G. John Cento, Esq. and Christopher Lane, Esq., attorneys for Defendant Trans Union

by placing a true and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed to:

Martin C. Bryce, Jr. Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP 1735 Market Street, 51st Flr. Philadelphia, PA 19103 Christopher T. Lane, Esq. G. John Cento, Esq. Katz & Korin, PC 334 North Senate Indianapolis, IN 46204

which is the last-known address of said attorneys, by depositing same, with Federal Express prepaid, in the United States in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sue Wolsfeld

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of March 2005.

Notary Public

John Halbert Goofsby NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2008